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Fri 2 Oct 'An Evening of John Spencer Gilks Photographs', presented by Nigel Wassell

Portbury Dock Having arrived on 13th August, the latest Class 99 delivery, 99012+99013 were moved north as 0Z48 14.44 Portbury Auto-terminal - Leicester Lip behind 47749 (which had arrived at 13.46 as a 0Z47 09.20 light-engine move from Leicester) on 25th August. Departure from Portbury was at 15.18, with 66732 ready and waiting behind eventually leaving at 15.40 with an early running 6B92 16.47 loaded steel slab to Margam.

On 21st DBC recommenced steel operations in their previously used 'early' 6Z56 Margam-Portbury Auto-terminal and 6Z57 (02.49 and 10.12 respectively) empty and return loaded to Margam paths, with 66185 heading the first departure and 66653 appearing two days later, driver route refresher light-loco runs (two booked returns) having also taken place originating from Newport with 66152 on both 15th and 16th (the second on this date returning back from Filton Abbey Wood, not Newport) and 66054 on 17th (the second out and back again restarting from Filton Abbey Wood), the moves on 14th having been cancelled. The GBRf loaded steel operation, although cancelled on both 21st and 22nd was with 66716 on 23rd and 24th, 66742 (as well as already reported 66732) also having seen recent use on this service. Large quantities of steel coil were stored in the Auto-terminal area with no current planned rail movement.

Class 197 Having been cancelled during the previous week, 197040+197114 were used to form an out and back Cardiff Canton-Bristol area route and station platform clearance test run during the early hours of both 22nd and 23rd September, in readiness for a new Transport for Wales planned twice hourly weekday (once on Sundays) Cardiff-Bristol Temple Meads service expected to commence during December. Despite all local stations being checked including Bristol Parkway (and the currently only 2 trains a week Pilning!), only the use of Temple Meads, Stapleton Road and Filton Abbey Wood is initially expected. Over the second date, the Patchway to Filton chord was covered out and back in place of a second Bristol Parkway visit.

Bristol Temple Meads On 12th September 43059 "*Loch Shiel*"/43050 "*Loch Morar*" 1Z32 06.05 Exeter St Davids-Inverness at 07.25

On 17th 57601/57313 1Z28 15.40 Par-Cardiff Central at 19.17

(Stock: 10734 10729 17167 325 3313 3275 3247 3267 1953 3273 3174)

On 18th 60029 6M51 10.20 Merehead-Quainton at 18.04

On 19th 60103 *Flying Scotsman*/37240 1Z40 07.13 Stourbridge Jct-Bristol Temple Meads at 11.02

(Stock: 99953 3110 99361 99971 99349 17018 5199 9101 5191 5177 5212), 47812/47802 1Z19 06.25

Crewe-Fowey Docks at 11.29 (Stock: 3334 3336 1961 3386 3417 3278 1200 6176 6067 9507)

Bristol Barton Hill A power failure which affected Arriva XC Central control at Birmingham on Sunday 23rd August, affected much of the countries services with nil West of England trains resulting. Barton Hill Depot, which would normally be empty during most of the day, recorded DMUs 170621/626 and Voyagers 220004. 221115/118. 221132. 221140., as all being present and switched off. A similar Sunday staffing problem affected the operator also on 6th September with a number of cancellations, but this time was not with a complete West Country service shut down.

Dr Days Jct On 10th September 60046 6V27 17.38 Bristol East Yard-Tytherington at 18.05

On 11th 43050/43059 3Z31 08.50 Crewe HS-Goodrington CHS at 13.01

(Stock: 41160 41166 40804 41187 44078)

On 13th 43050/43059 1Z36 08.21 Inverness-Exeter St Davids at 21.14

On 14th 153384 2Q26 11.35 Haverfordwest-Kingsland Road via Paignton Steam Railway at 16.46

On 15th 153384 2Q36 09.38 Kingsland Road-Derby R.T.C at 09.51

Horfield Jct On 20th September 66544 6C20 07.00 Bridgend-Westbury at 11.26, 66849 6C21 07.40 Bridgend-Horfield Jct at 12.13

Stapleton Road On 1st September 66754 6C92 07.41 Margam-Portbury at 10.41

Filton On 1st September 66952 6C81 07.46 Merehead-Avonmouth at 09.49, 66952 6A83 14.38
Avonmouth-West Drayton via Newbury at 14.18
On 9th 66566 4O57 13.28 Wentloog-Maritime via Salisbury at 14.29

Pilning On 9th September 66621 6B30 07.52 Theale-East Usk Yard at 10.32

Brentry On 3rd September 66792 6E97 Avonmouth-Tinsley Yard at 19.43
On 4th 66304 6M42 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 09.43
On 5th 66566 6A77 Avonmouth-Theale at 11.36

Patchway On 21st September 66185 6Z57 10.12 Portbury-Margam at 12.13

Stoke Gifford Yard On 2nd September 66548 6C20 06.48 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 06.50
On 3rd 66548 6C20 07.03 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 07.03, 66548 6C81 09.55 Stoke Gifford-Avonmouth at 09.27
On 10th 66616 6C20 06.48 Stoke Gifford-Tytherington at 06.48

Bristol Parkway On 1st September 66051 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Sevenside at 14.09
On 2nd 66566 6V47 04.53 Lawley Street-East Usk Yard at 07.56, 66127 4C40 16.24 Westbury-Tytherington at 17.59
On 9th 66304 6M42 09.36 Avonmouth-Penyffordd at 10.28
On 11th 43013/43014 1Q20 05.34 London Paddington-Leicester LIP via Swansea at 07.03
(Stock: 975984 977993 975814 977995), 66616 6Z42 11.27 Tytherington-Appleford Sidings at 11.46
On 14th 66127 4C40 16.24 Westbury-Tytherington at 17.53, 66744/66748 1V00 15.48 London Victoria-Haverfordwest at 19.18
On 17th 66004 6C03 09.57 Northolt Sidings-Sevenside at 14.04, 66537 6M50 14.02 Machen-Lawley Street via Swindon and Oxford at 16.00
On 19th 66421 4V38 12.12 Daventry-Wentloog at 15.37
On 25th 66035 6V32 10.22 Tilbury-Trostre at 15.53

Westerleigh Jct On 3rd September 66799/66716 6A66 05.32 Tytherington-Quainton at 07.09
On 3rd 66418 6Z42 11.27 Tytherington-Appleford at 13.00
On 9th 66616 6Z42 11.27 Tytherington-Appleford at 13.00
On 10th 66572 4L33 09.59 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.29

Yate On 1st September 70806 6C20 09.17 Yate Middle Jct-Westbury at 08.38
On 9th 66414 6Y44 06.05 Westbury-Gloucester Yard Jct at 07.30
On 14th 66659 6B13 05.00 Robeston-Westerleigh at 12.49

Kingsland Road On 1st September 153311 2Q31 14.46 Kingsland Road-Kingsland Road via Westbury at 14.35
On 3rd 43301/43303 1Q23 06.43 Kingsland Road-Derby RTC via Portbury, Newport and Bristol TM at 07.01 (Stock: 5995 72639 977974 6122)
153311 2Q51 12.04 Kingsland Road-Yeovil Jct via Exeter and Honiton at 12.04 then 2Q52 18.11 Yeovil Jct-Kingsland Road via Honiton and Exeter at 22.19
On 8th 37405 3Q22 23.48 Kingsland-Canton Taff Vale via Exeter St Davids at 23.48
(Stock: 96609 6260 9808 999602 9703)
On 11th 37405 3Q21 22.58 Kingsland Road-Derby RTC via Cheltenham / Birmingham New Street at 22.58

North Somerset Jct On 9th September 66414 6Y44 16.00 Gloucester New Yard-Westbury at 14.11
On 11th 66602 6A77 11.35 Avonmouth-Theale at 12.05

Bath On 2nd September 67006 1V80 09.47 London Victoria-Bath at 13.31
(Stock: 99545 99536 99543 99534 99531 99535 99532 99539 99546 99530 99537 99593) then 1O92 15.55 Bath-London Victoria at 15.59
On 10th 66610 6C79 10.19 Avonmouth-Westbury Cement Works at 11.22
On 13th 66725 4V76 17.46 Eastleigh Yard-Bristol East Yard at 19.46
On 17th 67006 1V80 09.47 London Victoria-Bath at 13.00 then 1Z64 15:57 Bath-London Victoria via Didcot at 15.57

Wootton Bassett On 17th September 66615 6Z42 11.27 Tytherington-Appleford Sidings at 13.57

Swindon On 2nd September 66778 6M84 07.38 Bicester MoD-Donnington RFT via Severn Tunnel at 09.52

On 3rd 37425 3Q60 22.42 Reading Triangle Sidings-Westbury via Cardiff at 00.49

(Stock: 96606 6397 9810 62287 9701)

On 5th 150248 5V84 Wolverton-Exeter at 11.25

On 8th 66522 4O72 12.30 Wentloog-Maritime at 14.28

On 10th 66050 6C03 09.58 Northolt-Severnside at 13.18, 66616 6Z42 Tytherington-Appleford 13.31, 59201

6B12 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 13.40, 66517 4O72 12.30 Wentloog-Maritime at 14.24, 59005 6C48

Appleford-Whatley at 14.45, 66585 6M50 14.02 Machen-Lawley Street via Oxford at 17.25

On 11th 66607 6A16 07.43 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 09.03, 66519 4L33 09.59 Wentloog-London

Gateway at 11.36, 66416 6V53 10.35 Oxford Banbury Road-East Usk Yard at 12.05, 66050 6C03 09.57

Northolt-Severnside at 13.21, 68008 4M36 Wentloog-Daventry at 20.42, 66615 6Z27 Appleford-Stoke

Gifford at 20.52, 68001 4V46 Daventry-Wentloog at 21.10

On 12th 66553/66544 6C21 05.44 Hinksey Yard-Wootton Bassett Jct at 06.41, 70811 6C22 13.53 Hinksey

Yard-Wootton Bassett Jct at 15.12

On 14th 66585 4L33 09.59 Wentloog-London Gateway at 11.58, 66716 4Z61 18.33 Kineton MoD-Fairwater

Yard at 21.13

On 17th 47805/47712 1Z46 05.51 Ludlow-Weymouth at 09.57

(Stock: 17056 3229 3188 80043 3438 3312 3426 1863 3344) then 1Z47 15.36 Weymouth-Ludlow at 18.40

On 22nd 68014+68015 0Z69 Leicester-Swindon at 12.13 (For use on RHTT services)

On 23rd 68014/67027 3S32 Swindon Transfer-Swindon Transfer via Worcester and Evesham at 10.40

On 25th 66537/66615 6Z27 Appleford-Stoke Gifford at 20.58

On 26th 35028 "*Clan Line*" 1Z82 08.15 London Victoria-Worcester Shrub Hill at 11.34 (67006 assisting

from London Victoria-Willesden), 66179 6C03 09.57 Northolt-Severnside at 13.02, 165103 5Q65

Wolverton-St Phillips Marsh at 13.08

Trowbridge On 13th September 66553/66544 6C21 08.30 Thingley Jct-Hinksey Yard via Newbury at 09.38, 70811 6C22 09.00 Thingley Jct-Hinksey Yard via Newbury at 11.07

Westbury On 1st September 60099 6M51 10.20 Merehead-Quainton at 11.17, 60029 6M18 16.49 Merehead-Willesden at 17.32

On 2nd 60099 6M51 10.20 Merehead-Quainton at 11.16, 802112 5Z80 11.10 North Pole IEP Depot-

Westbury via Newbury at 13.06 then 5X81 13.11 Westbury-Eastleigh Works via Chandlers Ford, 60029

6M18 16.49 Merehead-Willesden at 17.39, 60029 6M18 16.49 Merehead-Willesden at 17.39

On 3rd 800032 5X90 12.21 Basingstoke-Westbury at 13.27 then 5X90 13.30 Westbury-Stoke Gifford IET.

On 4th 37425 3Q14 00.19 Westbury TC-Kingsland Road via Whatley and Merehead at 01.12

On 8th 70806 6C41 17.27 Westbury-Westbury via Penzance

On 9th 66548 6A16 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 08.06, 66556/66536 6F05 15.29 Westbury-

Clarbiston Road, 60026 6M18 16.49 Merehead-Willesden at 17.25, 59101 6V69 Wembley-Whatley 17.47

On 10th 60029 6M51 10.20 Merehead-Quainton at 11.33, 59201 6B12 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 11.53

On 11th 66561 6V20 06.13 Wembley-Merehead at 08.56, 60029 6M51 10.20 Merehead-Quainton at 11.22,

59202 6B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 12.35, 66536 6F05 07.32 Clarbiston Road-Westbury at

15.15, 60028 6M18 16.49 Merehead-Willesden at 17.32, 66953/66555 6F01 11.41 Clarbiston Road-

Westbury at 18.30. On 12th 43301/43303 3Z12 09.07 Eastleigh Yard-Derby RTC via Salisbury, Newbury,

Oxford, Milton Keynes and Crewe at 10.42 (Stock: 96608 9803 999605 977997), 66764 6G71 18.14

Westbury-Gaer Jct, 66564 6Y43 20.02 Westbury-Ashchurch via Worcester.

On 13th 66748/66744 1O00 05.50 Cranmore-London Victoria at 06.28, 66564 6Y43 08.00 Alstone Level

Crossing-Westbury at 09.42, 66734 6G70 07.57 Ebbw Jct-Westbury via Margam at 13.47

On 17th 43062/43014 1Q23 05.53 Reading-Salisbury via Yeovil Jct, Exeter, Salisbury at 14.56

(Stock: 975984 977993 975814 977995)

On 18th 67023+66849 0Z60 08.55 Swindon Transfer-Fairwater Yard at 09.40, 60029 6M51 10.20

Merehead-Quainton at 11.25, 67006/67024 1Z84 17.00 Chichester-London Victoria via Eastleigh,

Salisbury, and Newbury at 19.32

(Stock: 99593 99537 99530 99546 99539 99532 99535 99531 99534 99543 99536 99545)

On 19th 66564 6Y40 10.23 Westbury-Leckwith North Jct, 66561/66413 6Y42 15.30 Westbury-Leckwith

On 23rd 59001 6V22 13.34 Woking Yard-Merehead Quarry at 16.09

On 24th 69001/66553 6O41 10.14 Westbury-Eastleigh East Yard

On 25th 59001 worked 6L09 23.26 Merehead Quarry-Chelmsford at 23.42

Fairwood Jct On 2nd September 59103 6V98 03.27 Eastleigh Aggregates-Merehead

at 05.17, 59004 6T02 06.38 Merehead-Westbury Cement Works at 07.30

66413 6B12 11.43 Merehead-Wootton Bassett at 12.32

On 3rd 59102 6V97 02.57 Botley Aggregates-Merehead at 05.35, 59202 6T02 06.38 Merehead-Westbury Cement Works at 07.05, 60099 6M51 10.20 Merehead-Quainton at 11.11

On 10th 59206 6T02 06.38 Merehead-Westbury Cement Works at 07.12

59204/66605 6A50 10:26 Whatley-Hanwell Bridge Loops via Westbury at 11.15

On 14th 66413 6C79 11:27 Westbury Cement Works-Whatley at 11.27, 60055 6M18 16.49 Merehead-Willesden at 18.35. On 17th 66607 6A18 09.18 Whatley-Oxford Banbury Road at 09.40

On 18th 66605 6A12 09.18 Whatley-Appleford Sidings via Newbury at 09.35

Taunton On 5th September 57302/50050 1Z07 06.35 Poole-Kingswear at 11.12 then 1Z08 16.35

Kingswear-Poole at 19.12 (60007 *Sir Nigel Gresley* from Taunton)

On 6th 37667+60007 5Z07 12.00 Bishops Lydeard-Crewe at 11.59

On 10th 43059/43050 1Z61 05.51 Doncaster-Paignton at 12.29

(Stock: 44078 41187 40804 41166 41160 41149 40802 41108 41162)

On 11th 66748/66744 1V01 15.48 London Victoria-Bishops Lydeard at 19.36 (Stock: 99101-99110)

On 12th 66744/66748 1C02 09.00 Bishops Lydeard-Penzance at 09.49

On 13th 66748/66744 1Z06 09.40 Lostwithiel Down Goods Loop-Bruton via Fowey at 16.40

On 15th 43059/43050 5Z38 15.26 Goodrington CHS-Crewe HS at 16.46

On 17th 43062/43014 1Q18 05.43 Reading Triangle Sidings-Paignton via Penzance at 07.43 then 1Q18

15.39 Paignton-Taunton via Bristol East Yard at 16.47 then 1Q19 18.38 Taunton-London Paddington at 18.38 (Stock: 975984 977993 975814 977995)

On 18th 43050/43059 1Z43 06.12 Lancaster-Penzance via WCML and Reading at 13.32

(Stock: 41160 41166 40804 41187 44078), 66849/67023 7Z60 12.45 Fairwater Yard-Westbury at 12.49

then 7Z61 14.20 Westbury-Fairwater Yard at 15.34, 66744/66706 1V01 15.48 London Victoria-Bishops

Lydeard at 19.37. On 19th 66706/66744 1C02 09.00 Bishops Lydeard-Penzance at 09.35, 47237/47848

1Z25 07.01 London Paddington-Minehead at 10.07 (Stock: 3397 3364 80042 3345 3340 3325 6724 5929

9526) then 1Z26 15.30 Minehead-London Paddington at 16.51, 43059/43050 1Z41 07.55 Penzance-Oxford

at 11.19, 47802/47812 1Z20 14.45 Fowey Docks-Crewe at 17.57, 60103 "*Flying Scotsman*" 37240 1Z42

18.11 Bishops Lydeard-Bristol Temple Meads at 18.45 (Return working started at Taunton)

On 20th 43059/43050 1Z43 10.36 Penzance-Lancaster at 13.52, 66706/66744 1Z06 09.40 Lostwithiel

Down Goods Loop-Bruton via Fowey at 16.43

800012 1A50 23.26 Plymouth-London Paddington (57312 failed at Penzance)

On 22nd 50050/57302 1Z71 08.42 London Paddington-Exeter St Davids arrive 11.06 (Stock: 35461 6311

17013 3045 3122 80044 3100 3148 3125 3107 1666 3140) (Note: 50050 detached and into loco sidings and 71000 "*Duke of Gloucester*" attached)

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

Date	Tour	Destination	Haulage	Pick-up	Fare	Operator
Sat 3 Oct	Journey Shrinker	Swansea	HST	TM 10.52	£159	125 Group

Fri 2 Oct	British Pullman	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.03/15.56	67	Belmond
Thu 15 Oct	British Pullman	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.03/15.56	67	Belmond
Sat 17 Oct	Didcot Circular	Didcot-Newbury-Chippenham-Didcot	60103	Fox & Edwards
Sun 18 Oct	Didcot Circular	Didcot-Newbury-Chippenham-Didcot	60103	Fox & Edwards
Fri 30 Oct	British Pullman	Victoria-Salisbury-Bath 13.03/15.56	67	Belmond

Dates for your Diary

10/11 & 24/25 Oct Bristol Harbour Railway Running Days with Henbury P1940

Sun 25 Oct Gartell Light Railway final open day.

26-29 Oct Bath Spa – Bristol East Junction – Line Closed

Fri 6 Nov 'That Was The Year That Was 1967', by Geoff Plumb

Fri 4 Dec 'John Uncles – Bristol Photographs from 1957' presented by Gerry Nicholls

Fri 18 Dec Christmas Buffet and Members Evening.