

## WORCESTER LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY – SOUTH WALES

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 1962

A memorable day – my first ever WLS Trip. Steam still reigned supreme at the end of 1962 although the two principal passenger engine sheds (Cardiff Canton & Landore) had both closed for rebuilding as diesel depots. Canton's allocation had been sent to a re-opened Cardiff East Dock shed but permit difficulties prevented a visit to this shed.

It was a cold and dark early morning start and it was just getting light as we arrived at Hereford Shed (86C):

1420	2249	4913	7004
1447	2256 (wit)	5097	7312
1617	3728	5252	7413
1662	4115	5952	7437
1667	4135	5970	9665
2214 (89A)	4642	5998	9717
2241	4659	6114 *	45577
2242	4907	6155 (85A)	82001

\* = en route to Carmarthen from Wolverhampton Works.

A good start but not too many 'cops'. The perils of speedwriting emerged on the way to the next shed:

'Did I need the Jubilee' said my friend. 'What Jubilee?' said I. '45577' said he. 'Ah I must have missed it but – but wait what's this number – 43377- no such loco'.

Named locos were (all 86C unless noted):

4907	Broughton Hall
4913	Baglan Hall
5097	Sarum Castle (Cardiff East Dock)
5952	Cogan Hall
5970	Hengrave Hall
5998	Trevor Hall
7004	Eastnor Castle (Worcester)
45577	Bengal (Shrewsbury)

So errors excepted we move to Pontypool Road (86G):

2839	4639	6636	8461
2867	4678	6637	8493
2872	4937	6675	8495
2896	4943	6677	8707
3628	4991	6685	8709
3683	5164	6693	8716
3685	5322	6848	9650
3699	5625	6876	9655
3708	5638	6901	9730
3717	5775	6928	9796
3779	5922	6970	48307 (87F)
3826	5948	7201	48328 (87F)
3844	6335	7210	D3820
4258	6349	7227	D4181
4600	6361	7230	D4184
4603	6370 (wit)	7246	

Named engines (all 86G unless noted):

4937	Lanelay Hall
4943	Marrington Hall
4991	Cobham Hall (Bristol St Philip's Marsh)
5922	Caxton Hall (Oxford)
5948	Siddington Hall
6848	Toddington Grange
6876	Kingsland Grange
6901	Arley Hall
6928	Underlay Hall
6970	Whaddon Hall (Oxford)

A slight delay here whilst Bernard Tirebuck borrowed a long handled spade from the back of a Pannier in order to remove some breakfast inadvertently brought up on the coach floor by a poor unfortunate participant. Onwards to Newport Pill:

3674	4271	D3807	D4126
3705	4276	D3809	D4127
4233	4280	D3810	D4128
4238	4294	D3811	D4170
4250 *	5244	D4001	D4171
4254	6763	D4011	D4172
4259	6772	D4012	
4264	D3748	D4125	

\* = Suspect entry – a Llanelly loco and also seen later at Llanelly.

Situated in the heart of the docks and overflowing with brand new Class 08 diesels.

Next was Newport (Ebbw Junction) (86A):

1618 (wit)	3805	5255	7233
1653	3808	5259	7237
1656	3824	5620	7240
2209	3833	5664 (wit)	7245
2218	3839	6325	7253
2223 (wit)	4037 (wit)	6340 (wit)	7736
2239 (wit)	4227	6365	8751
2243	4265	6390	8781
2818	4266	6412	9424
2849 (wit)	4283	6434	9644
2854	4290	6800	9662
2891	4297	6810	9664
2894	4299	6813	9667
3211	4657	6829	9674
3634	4671	6835	9718 (wit)
3651	4905	6840	44092
3691	4983	6850	46505
3694	5213	7217	82002
3706	5228	7219	90149
3722	5233	7222	90504 (2F)
3729	5234	7223	90524 (2F)
3747	5236	7224	90529
3772	5238	7232	92214

92222	92230	D3814	D4178
92223	92233	D3817	D6742
92225	92235	D3819	
92226	92238	D3821	
92229	92250	D4173	

44092 was an ex LMSR 0-6-0 allocated to Saltley Shed.

A highlight here was 'Castle' class No.4037 'The South Wales Borderers' albeit it in a withdrawn state. The engine repair works contained English Electric Class 37 No.D6742 on loan from the Eastern Region.

Named engines (all 86A unless noted):

4037	The South Wales Borderers (withdrawn from Exeter 9/1962)
4905	Barton Hall (Bristol (St Philip's Marsh))
4983	Albert Hall (Duffryn Yard)
6800	Arlington Grange
6810	Blakemere Grange
6813	Eastbury Grange
6829	Burmington Grange
6835	Eastham Grange (Bristol St Philip's Marsh)
6840	Hazeley Grange
6850	Cleeve Grange

Next the party visited Caerphilly Works where Taff Vale No.28 was in for overhaul:

1613	5652	7251	9678
3407	5660	7303 *	9752
3662	5681	7317	9799
3782	6601 (wit)	8438	TV28/NCB67
4643	6691	9461	
5231	7234	9618	
5619	7250	9625	

\* = being overhauled after return from Southern Region.

Next up was Radyr with another Class 37 in the yard:

3400	4688	6626	7209
3401	5607	6638	7252
3402	5608	6647	8469
3403	5611	6648	8478
3405	5613	6656	8479
3406	5632	6657	8780
3409	5669	6659	9480
3672	5683	6665	9711
3681	5697	6669	D3259
3716	6603	6682	D3364
4160	6606	6684	D3595
4166	6612	6688	D6743
4177	6614	6699	
4637	6621	7205	

I can't remember anything special about the next place – Llantrisant:

3612	3661	4268	4674
3617	3680	4620	5248
3644	4267	4662	5600

6639                      9778  
 Going further into South Wales we next came to the roundhouse at Tondy:

1422	4243	5629	8710
3616	4247	5690	8712
3648	4251	6410	8748
3738	4262	6419	9466
3756	4263	6431	9609
4108	4269	6435	9649
4144	4273	6436	9660
4213	4663	6676	
4218	4669	7732	
4222	4675	8453 (wit)	

9466 was a former Worcester engine.

1422 was in use as a stationery boiler.

There were a lot of steam engines at Duffryn Yard (87B), but not a diesel in sight:

2879	4695	6620	8724
3610	4966	6680	9456
3613	4970	6686	9457
3626	4976	6822	9464
3642	5230	7216	9483
3682	5232	7229	9634
3688	5246	7247	9671
3692	5253	7325	9715
3791	5254	7715	9742
3804	5257	7790	9766
4256	5670	8407	9785
4278	5787	8416	9788
4640	5903	8452	90225
4651	6326	8490	92002
4684	6347	8714	92006

Named engines:

4966	Shakenhurst Hall (Neath)
4970	Sketty Hall
4976	Warfield Hall (Southall)
5903	Keele Hall
6822	Manton Grange (Pontypool Road)

By now almost all of the locomotives seen rarely ventured outside South Wales and so were all considered 'rare' by Worcester enthusiasts. These locos, which included part of the former allocation of Landore, were at Neath (87A):

1645	3731	4169	5037
1666	3741	4241	5051
1669	3761	4255	5054
3600	3790	4275	5078
3611 (wit)	3800	4282	5085
3621	3801	4612	5204
3650	3859	4621	5221
3687	4134	4967	5239

5667	6975	8791	9743
5773	6985	9412	9777
5778	7204	9442	9792
5961	7214	9446	48430
5981	7215	9452	92005
6616	8418	9473	D3430
6641	8439	9627	D3434
6649	8737	9716	D3436
6905	8747	9734	D3437

48430 was an ex LMSR (Swindon Built) Class 8F based at Stourbridge Shed (84F).

No less than five of Neath's 'Castle' class engines were on shed being:

5037	Monmouth Castle (a one time Worcester engine)
5051	Earl Bathurst
5054	Earl of Ducie (later to become a Worcester engine)
5078	Beaufort (withdrawn in November 1962)
5085	Evesham Abbey

Also named were (all 87A except where noted):

5961	Toynbee Hall
5981	Frensham Hall
6905	Claughton Hall
6975	Capesthorne Hall
6985	Parwick Hall (Gloucester)

The small sub-shed at Neath (N&B) was next up with just twelve locomotives:

3652	3768	4677	8732
3757	4653	4682	9748
3766	4660	4699	9786

Onwards to Swansea and the intriguing little shed at Danygraig with two Class 03 diesels and three Class 08's alongside the withdrawn Powlesland & Mason Peckett (GWR No.1152). The two 'Hall's' which were in the yard (5972 'Olton Hall and 4988 'Bulwell Hall')' are thought to have been en-route (transfers) from Neath to Neyland and Llanelly respectively.

1152	5972	8102	D2122
2248	6116	8414	D2177
2283	7203	9757	D3360
4988	7225	80069	D3743
5604	7243	80097 *	D3830

\* = also listed at Swansea East Dock (possibly one is an error for 80099)

There were no diesels at Swansea East Dock but the other ex Powlesland & Mason Peckett (GWR No.1151) and the former Cardiff Railway Kitson (GWR No.1338) were both on shed:

1151	5623	7248	45283 (89A)
1338	5628	8431	45298 (89A)
3635	5631	8488	45406 (89A)
3797	5656	8794	48471 (89A)
4232	5675	9431	80097 *
5210	6613	9441	80133
5211	6650	9489	
5240	6662	9744	
5616	7226	9761	

\* = also listed at Danygraig (possibly one is an error for 80099)

Upper Bank was a sub-shed of East Dock and reached by walking off the end of the nearby Station. Strange to find that all of the locomotives were in the 67xx series but were all '5700' Class pannier tanks.:

6714	6749 (wit)	6762	6768
6724	6754	6764	6770 (wit)
6741	6757	6765	6777
6742	6758 (wit)	6767	

Llanelly (87F) was for me the real highlight of the trip as the shed was packed with immaculate and rare engines of many different classes including many former Landore passenger locomotives:

1607	5016	6832	48444
1611	5018	6837	48452
1614	5020	6843	48461
1633	5048	6844	48470
1643	5062	7315	48525
1651	5077	7321	48760
1665	5080	7765	73023
3637 (wit)	5087	7785	73097 (89A)
3701	5201	7804	D2115
3719	5219	7927	D2121
3781	5242	8103	D2191
4074	5247	8749	D3352
4078	5612	8785	D3353
4099	5976	9408	D3354
4225	6310	9429	D3356
4230	6316	9485	D3357
4250 (wit)	6395	9621	D3359
4279	6652	48309	
4928	6815	48369 (89A)	
4938	6818	48438	

Just a few diesel shunters amongst a plethora of named ex GWR locomotives (all 87F unless noted):

4074	Caldicot Castle (Oxford)
4078	Pembroke Castle (withdrawn)
4099	Kilgerran Castle
4928	Gatacre Hall
4938	Liddington Hall
5016	Montgomery Castle
5018	St Mawes Castle (Oxford)
5020	Tremanton Castle
5048	Earl of Devon
5062	Earl of Shaftsbury
5077	Fairey Battle (withdrawn)
5080	Defiant
5087	Tintern Abbey
6815	Frilford Grange
6818	Hardwick Grange
6832	Brockton Grange
6837	Forthampton Grange

6843 Poulton Grange  
 6844 Penhydd Grange  
 7804 Baydon Manor  
 7927 Willington Grange (Cardiff East Dock)

It was dark by the time we reached the sub-shed at Pantyffynon. Noone was there but the shed was not locked!

3678	4295	7200	7244
3698	4676	7211	9637
3777	5223	7235	9652

The party continued west until we reached Carmarthen (87G):

1001	5098	6653	7445
2224	5306	6920	7448
2287	5554	6965	7826
4093	5571	7306	7829
4654	5937	7405	9606
5027	5938	7439	9632
5030	6118	7440	9645
5039	6151	7444	9787

Named engines here were (all 87G unless noted):

1001	County of Bucks (Neyland)
4093	Dunster Castle (Neath)
5027	Farleigh Castle (Llanelly)
5030	Shirburn Castle
5039	Rhuddlan Castle
5098	Clifford Castle
5937	Stanford Hall
5938	Stanley Hall
6920	Barningham Hall (Duffryn Yard)
6965	Thirlestaine Hall
7826	Longworth Manor
7829	Ramsbury Manor

Finally we had to turn back but there was still time to fit in the shed at Llandovery with just four ex LMSR engines. The 8F's were based at Llanelly and the Class 5 at Shrewsbury:

45190	48400	48735	48761
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and a final look at Brecon just before all the railways in the area were closed.

The ex GWR engines were allocated to Newport and ex LMSR one's to Oswestry:

2247	3764	46508	46526
2298	8766	46509	
3201	9746	46512	

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Anyone who was on this trip and wishes to add or correct any details should contact the Webmaster

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