

WORCESTER LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY

SOUTH WALES Sunday 18th 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 |
| 5250 | 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 |

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| 92222 | 92230 | D3814 | D4178 |
| 92223 | 92233 | D3817 | D6742 |
| 92225 | 92235 | D3819 | |

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|-------|-------|-------|
| 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 Tondur:

| | | | |
|------|------|------|------|
| 1422 | 4243 | 5629 | 8710 |
| 3616 | 4247 | 5690 | 8712 |
| 3648 | 4251 | 6410 | 8748 |
| 3738 | 4262 | 6419 | 9466 |

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|------|------|------------|------|
| 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:

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|------|--|
| 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 |

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|------|----------------|------|------|
| 6843 | Poulton Grange | | |
| 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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