

## RCTS Log of 60001 The Railway Observer February 2006

**Summary. 60001 continued on steel workings from Margam yard to Dee Marsh, Corby and Trostre together with a Robeston – Theale oil tanks working and a weekend engineers' train to Briton Ferry. One of the Dee Marsh workings was interesting as the return empty covered steel carriers were dropped off at Llanwern exchange sidings with the train working forward to Margam yard with loaded steel coil on bogie flats. 60001 then worked a local Jersey Marine stone train before hauling steel coil from Margam to Hartlepool. After Enterprise workings to Tyne yard (for Mossend yard) and back to Tees yard it then worked coal to Warrington Arpley yard, destined for Penyffordd cement works, another new working for the log.**

**The next 16 days were all spent working on the Fiddlers Ferry coal circuit with short breaks at Warrington Arpley LIP on the two Sundays and a repair to its lighting system on the 17th. Very late on the evening of 24th February, 60001 failed with a 'burst' engine between Bootle Junction and Edge Hill while working a Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR. It was hauled dead to Warrington Arpley, placed in quarantine pool WNQX and on the 27th was moved DIT on a Warrington to Bescot train for onward movement to Toton TMD for damage assessment.**

- Wed. 1st      6M76 00:05 Margam yard to Dee Marsh loaded steel coil  
6V75 09:18 Dee Marsh to Margam yard return empties,  
noted eastbound passing East Usk yard at 13:18 with covered coil carriers,  
then westbound passing East Usk yard at 14:55 and Newport station at 15:05  
with loaded steel coil on bogie flats
- Note. The local enthusiast, who made the observations at East Usk yard, advised that all the steel trains to/from Margam that go through Newport go via Llanwern exchange sidings except for the Margam – Corby trains. On this occasion there was a change of consist while at Llanwern. The loaded coil from Llanwern was presumably for onward movement to Trostre.  
0A11 17:54 light engine Margam LIP to Robeston  
6A11 23:00 Robeston to Theale loaded bogie oil tanks, arrived 06:15 on 2nd
- Thur. 2nd      6B33 13:24 Theale to Robeston empty bogie oil tanks, noted leaving Reading  
West Junction at 13:47, Didcot at 14:05, at Denchworth in the Challow loops at  
14:17 and Newport at 16:27, worked by 60001 as far as Margam yard  
6M94 21:36 Margam yard to Corby loaded steel coil, arrived 07:55 on 3rd
- Fri. 3rd      6V92 10:00 Corby to Margam yard steel coil empties  
6M76 23:50 Margam yard to Dee Marsh loaded steel coil, arrived 07:40 on 4th
- Sat. 4th      6V75 09:15 Dee Marsh to Margam yard steel empties, noted Leominster at 11:47
- Sun. 5th      6W05 05:00 Margam yard to Briton Ferry engineers' train  
6W05 11:35 Briton Ferry to Margam yard return engineers' train
- Mon. 6th      6H13 03:40 Margam yard to Trostre loaded steel coil  
6H14 06:15 Trostre to Margam yard return empties
- Note. It appears from the headcodes that 6H13 and 6H14 may be steel coil from Llanwern and return empties; 6V75 carried steel coil from Llanwern to Margam on the 1st. 6H13 and 6H14 are Monday only trains that run when Sunday trains are cancelled because of engineering work.  
6B42 07:52 Margam yard to Jersey Marine empty four-wheel stone hoppers  
6B75 10:30 Jersey Marine to Margam yard loaded four-wheel stone hoppers  
6E30 17:42 Margam yard to Hartlepool loaded steel coil, arrived 05:21 on 7th
- Tues. 7th      6N27 13:18 Hartlepool to Tees yard steel empties  
6N74 16:30 Tees yard to Hartlepool loaded steel coil  
0N77 19:55 light engine Hartlepool to Thornaby TMD

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- Wed. 8th      6S92 00:11 Tees yard to Mossend yard Enterprise,  
                  hailed by 60001 as far as Tyne yard  
                  6N65 03:17 Tyne yard to Tees yard Enterprise  
                  6N57 05:23 Tees yard to Tees Dock Enterprise  
                  0N10 06:23 light engine Tees Dock to Thornaby TMD  
                  6M83 Redcar to Warrington Arpley yard loaded coal in MEA box wagons,  
                  worked by 60001 from Tees yard departed 10:28, noted Colton Junction at  
                  11:55, Milford Junction at 12:09 and Wakefield at 12:33  
Note. The final destination for the loaded MEA box wagons was Penyffordd cement works
- Thur. 9th      7F18 08:19 Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings  
                  to Liverpool Gladstone Dock empty MGR  
                  7F82 11:52 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR  
                  7F06 18:25 Fiddlers Ferry to Liverpool Gladstone Dock return empties  
                  7F86 22:30 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR,  
                  arrived 03:40 on 10th
- Fri. 10th      7F16 06:10 Fiddlers Ferry to Liverpool Gladstone Dock empty MGR  
                  7F81 10:20 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR  
                  7F04 14:15 Fiddlers Ferry to Liverpool Gladstone Dock return empties,  
                  worked by 60001 as far as Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings  
                  0P00 17:00 light engine Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings  
                  to Warrington Arpley LIP for fuelling  
                  7F84 19:40 Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR  
                  7F10 21:40 Fiddlers Ferry to Liverpool Gladstone Dock return empties,  
                  arrived 00:10 on 11th
- Sat. 11th      7F88 01:59 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR  
                  7F18 05:55 Fiddlers Ferry to Liverpool Gladstone Dock return empties  
                  7F82 10:45 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR  
                  7F06 16:55 Fiddlers Ferry to Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings  
                  return empties  
                  7F84 18:25 Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR  
                  7F10 20:15 Fiddlers Ferry to Warrington Arpley yard return empties  
                  0F10 21:09 light engine Warrington Arpley yard to Warrington Arpley LIP
- Sun. 12th      Noted stabled Warrington Arpley LIP at 15:45  
                  7F08 19:56 Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings  
                  to Liverpool Gladstone Dock empty MGR
- Mon. 13th      7F87 00:55 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR  
                  7F16 04:15 Fiddlers Ferry to Liverpool Gladstone Dock return empties  
                  7F81 09:27 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR  
                  6F04 14:37 Fiddlers Ferry to Liverpool Gladstone Dock return empties,  
                  which recessed at Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings from 15:26 to 16:16;  
                  60001 was reported at Warrington Arpley LIP in the afternoon so appears to have  
                  gone there for fuelling leaving the wagons recessed in the sidings  
                  7F85 19:45 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR

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Tues. 14th 7F24 01:35 Fiddlers Ferry to Warrington Latchford sidings empty MGR  
7F12 02:20 Warrington Latchford sidings to Liverpool Gladstone Dock empty MGR

Note. 7F24 and 7F12 appear to have been the same train with a change of headcode at Warrington Latchford sidings where the locomotive runs round the train.

7F89 05:55 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR  
7F20 17:05 Fiddlers Ferry to Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings  
return empties

Note. 60001 was at Fiddlers Ferry for seven hours between the arrival of 7F89 and the departure of 7F20 compared with the normal turn round of one to two hours. There may have been some problems with unloading, for example if it was a cold day and the load of coal was frozen or if there were problems with the unloading system at the power station.

Wed. 15th 0T00 05:30 light engine Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings  
to Warrington Arpley yard  
7F18 08:55 Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings  
to Liverpool Gladstone Dock empty MGR  
7F82 13:35 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR  
7F06 19:15 Fiddlers Ferry to Liverpool Gladstone Dock return empties  
7F87 23:55 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR,  
arrived 03:35 on 16th

Thur. 16th No movement recorded from Fiddlers Ferry to Warrington for either a light engine  
or an empty train; the latter seems more likely  
7F80 09:51 Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR  
7F02 19:25 Fiddlers Ferry to Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings  
return empties  
0Z00 20:30 light engine Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings  
to Warrington Arpley yard

Note. 60001 was at Fiddlers Ferry for just over nine hours between the arrival of 7F80 and the departure of 7F02; see the second note for the 14th.

Fri. 17th 01:00 Awaiting materials for repair to lighting (repair code 590)  
Noted outside Warrington Arpley LIP from 12:30 and 14:15  
17:00 Repair completed, available for service

Sat. 18th 0D01 04:00 light engine Warrington Arpley yard to Fiddlers Ferry  
7F18 05:35 Fiddlers Ferry to Liverpool Gladstone Dock empty MGR  
7F82 10:58 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR,  
noted stopped in Warrington Bank Quay station when the observers arrived  
at 12:30 and departed southbound at 13:20  
7F06 17:20 Fiddlers Ferry to Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings  
return empties  
0T00 18:19 light engine Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings  
to Warrington Arpley yard

Sun. 19th Noted Warrington Arpley LIP at 17:15  
7F10 21:58 Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings to Liverpool Gladstone Dock  
empty MGR

Mon. 20th 7F88 00:47 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR  
7F18 05:55 Fiddlers Ferry to Liverpool Gladstone Dock return empties  
7F83 12:54 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR  
7F08 20:25 Fiddlers Ferry to Liverpool Gladstone Dock return empties

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- Tues. 21st    7F87 01:40 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR  
7F16 04:56 Fiddlers Ferry to Liverpool Gladstone Dock return empties  
7F81 09:15 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR  
7F04 15:35 Fiddlers Ferry to Liverpool Gladstone Dock return empties  
7F85 20:23 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR,  
arrived 02:30 on 22nd
- Wed. 22nd    7F24 03:14 Fiddlers Ferry to Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings empty MGR  
7F22 06:40 Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings to Liverpool Gladstone Dock  
empty MGR
- Note. This appears to be the same train with change of headcode at Warrington Walton Old  
Junction sidings  
7F81 08:58 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings  
loaded MGR  
0F81 11:10 light engine Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings  
to Warrington Arpley LIP  
7F83 19:00 Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR  
7F08 20:50 Fiddlers Ferry to Liverpool Gladstone Dock return empties
- Thur. 23rd    7F87 01:00 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR  
7F16 05:25 Fiddlers Ferry to Liverpool Gladstone Dock return empties  
7F81 10:05 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR  
7F04 15:37 Fiddlers Ferry to Liverpool Gladstone Dock return empties  
7F85 19:23 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR
- Fri. 24th    7F24 02:15 Fiddlers Ferry to Warrington Latchford sidings empty MGR  
7F22 03:23 Warrington Latchford sidings to Liverpool Gladstone Dock empty MGR
- Note. This appears to be the same train with change of headcode, the second time at  
Warrington Latchford sidings this month  
7F80 07:45 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR,  
noted heading under Warrington Bank Quay station at about 12:25 after running  
round at Warrington Latchford sidings  
7F02 13:48 Fiddlers Ferry to Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings empty MGR  
0T00 15:20 light engine Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings  
to Warrington Arpley LIP  
7F08 20:04 Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings to Liverpool Gladstone Dock  
empty MGR  
7F87 23:15 Liverpool Gladstone Dock to Fiddlers Ferry loaded MGR via Bootle,  
failed en route (23:50 ESD engine shut down) between Bootle Junction and Edge  
Hill Down Wapping and was hauled DIT by 60053, which had been sent out from  
Warrington Arpley LIP, as far as Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings where  
60001 was removed from the train
- Sat. 25th    0F00 05:15 hauled DIT Warrington Walton Old Junction sidings  
to Warrington Arpley yard  
06:02 Pre-assigned engine maintenance (damage assessment), code 100, at  
Toton TMD  
60001 was observed stabled in the sidings at Warrington Arpley LIP with oil on  
the bodyside that had leaked out under the bottom of the engine room door
- Sun. 26th    Still at Warrington Arpley LIP
- Mon. 27th    Hauled DIT on 6G76 05:28 Warrington Arpley yard to Bescot down sidings  
Enterprise by an unidentified class 92, noted Bushbury Junction at 06:45
- Tues. 28th    Allocated to be hauled DIT on 6D44 Bescot to Toton departmental but the  
movement of 60001 was cancelled until the following day