

FLOODLINE No 13

Monday 9th July 2007

Oldbury Viaduct.

Inspection slit trenches and bore holes being dug today. Behind time due to more rain making it dangerous on embankment. Dowles Mill stables demolished by collapsing debris.

Knowlesands

Alongside industrial estate - embankment building and drainage improvement works should start this week. South side of tunnel - local authority and landowners agreement for new drainage system from here through the tunnel, down to River Severn. Agreement to cross fields to supply material. Work to start this week on digging out cesses for approx quarter of a mile.

Hampton Load

British Army Royal Logistics Corps can not help. Contract placed as a stand alone repair. Work should start end of this week.

HL-HY

To illustrate the state of the lineside picture the land still wet underfoot and water still settled in cesses, new tension cracks and slips appearing which is a cause for concern but is being monitored, a lot of debris in drains and culverts still need clearing, concrete manhole covers fallen into deep drains, HL station gang had to use a 2 ton turfer to bring out logs jammed within drains.

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Bore hole info due mid week. Typographical survey done.

Fishermans Crossing

No Army involvement. Contractor employed. Work should start in about 10 days. Very difficult road access.

Borle Viaduct

Now confirmed that there is damage to the concrete and stone retaining walls of the brook. Viaduct not affected but a new roadway will have to be built to the brook to supply repair material.

Victoria Bridge

Four earth moving machines were employed last week. All the stones from the retaining wall at footpath level have been recovered and put to one side. The remainder of the spoil has been clawed back to track level 60 feet above the footpath. An emergency drain has been opened up to the upstream side of the track to divert any water that would come through the cutting. Extracted spoil (about 100 tons) will be taken by RR to allongside the waterworks at Trimpley and initially dumped here.

Contractor estimates Fri 20th July completion of earthwork repairs.



Folly Point

Progress on replacing old gabion rock baskets. More slips above line, you can hear the trees move. Contractor should finish the earthworks repair here in about 10 days

BY-FP

Water Jet Train to clean out culverts. In conjunction with inspection cameras

Thurs 12 th	08 Driver R Maiden	Goods Guard VACANCY
Fri 13 th	08 Driver VACANCY	Goods Guard P Davies
Sat 14 th	08 Driver VACANCY	Goods Guard VACANCY

Mon 16th 08 Driver D WrightTBC Goods Guard B DrewTBC
Tues 17th 08 Driver VACANCY Goods Guard S DickinsonTBC
Please contact Dewi Jones with offers to cover above

Last weekend
AY gang further clearance of drains in Eymore Cutting

BY P Way - rebuilt the stone overflow wall to the stream in Eymore Cutting which had been washed away.

Next weekend
AY station gang to rebuild boarded crossing after it had been washed down the cutting.

Curent Plan

RR to start digging out cesses in Eymore Cutting this week, spoil to be taken to Trimpley by RR and temporary dumped. If contractors are able to meet their target then w/e 21st/22nd July is a possibility for P Way gangs to relay FP and VB – read Floodlines for updates. We will then move locomotives and engineers vehicles to AY. 2 x RR and trolleys to convey approx 600 yds of replacement flat bottom rail from KR to Eyemore Cutting and unload for 300 yds stretch from VB back to the flat bottom rail in Eyemore Woods.

Sever the track at VB leaving one panel on BY side. Loco and spoil wagons to work from AY to VB. RR and crawler buckets to remove rail (probably cut up on site), sleepers and contaminated ballast from Eyemore Cutting and load onto spoil trains. Loaded spoil wagons to be taken to Kinlet Sidings and unloaded. Possibly two trains continuously working possibly 10 hours a day. This will empty the cutting and allow new drains to be installed. As contaminated ballast is removed from BY end, rock and ballast which will have been brought in by road to EVA will be railed by RR to site. Steel sleepers are being sought and with the rail already in the cess can be laid. Line is then intact. Detailed timetable for track relaying gangs being drawn up. We will be taking up offers of PW help from other heritage railways.

Sat 14th
AY station work

Sun 15th
AY Sta gang Eymore Cutting again!

As always changes every day

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