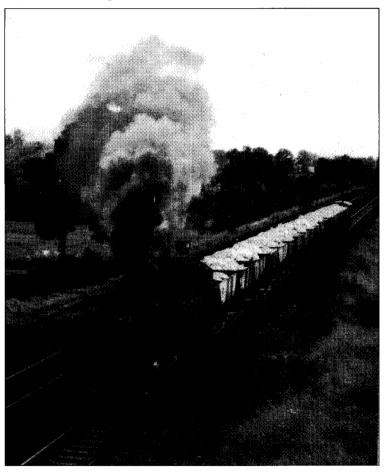
Some of these trains were worked by the Great Western's imposing 4700 class 2-8-0s which could occasionally be seen on passenger workings on Saturdays in summer, particularly the relief which preceded the 14.10 from Paddington.



8. Slow freight. A 2-6-2T from Learnington Spa, no 4112, climbs towards Cropredy on 19 June 1961 with a load of limestone from Ardley destined for the cement works at Greaves's Sidings, Harbury.

The only significant source of mineral traffic on the Bicester cut-off was at Ardley. Around the 1960s the quarries which supplied the cement works at Harbury, alongside the Banbury-Leamington line, were becoming exhausted, and the factory, linked to the railway at Greaves's