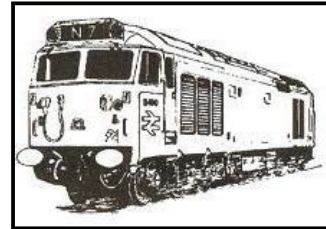
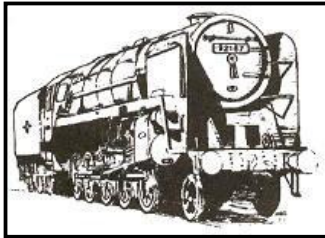


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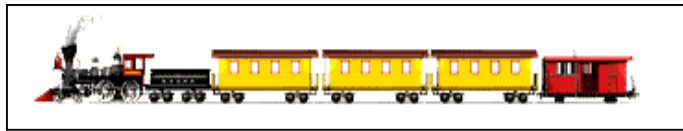


This evening we welcome **Adrian Shooter** CBE to talk on his fifty years as a railwayman. Adrian will be best known for having led Chiltern Railways as Managing Director and later Chairman right from the management buyout from BR. **Tim Edmonds'** photograph above shows Chiltern Railways' turbos at High Wycombe; the editor's picture below shows Adrian "off duty" on his private Beeches Light Railway at Steeple Aston.

Our 30th annual film show just before Christmas saw very varied fare, most from vanished worlds of the past. For those who would like a reminder, the principal films shown were:

Farmer Moving South (BTF 1952), *Over Shap* (1963), *Côte d'Azur* (SNCF c1959, from Terry Walden's collection), *Link Span* (1956), *County Donegal Railway* (Pat Whitehouse 1959), *South Africa's Fruit via Southampton* (SR c1936?), and *Joe McDoakes: "So You Want a Model Railway"*.





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VIVA THE D-TRAIN?

The idea of the D-train is to produce a low-cost DMU for provincial services utilising the aluminium bodysells, bogies and electric motors from former London Transport D-78 stock trains (delivered by Metro-Cammell from 1980), the last of which are being replaced on the District line. These are re-engineered with underfloor diesel engine modules by Vivarail at its Long Marston base. Even cynics in the railway technical press were impressed when the prototype was rolled out in summer 2015. With the intention of introduction into experimental service between Coventry and Nuneaton operated by London Midland for a consortium led by the West Midlands Combined Authority, 3-car prototype unit 230 001 made its first mainline tests between Dorridge and Leamington (operating out of Tyseley Locomotive Works) on 28 November last; however, a fire in the underfloor equipment at Kenilworth on 30 December has thrown the project timetable into doubt.

SOCIETY MEETINGS

The Society **Annual General Meeting**, Members' Evening and Annual Photographic Competition is on **8 February**. There won't be a *Buffer Stop* for that meeting as there will be sufficient to read in the AGM papers. The following meeting on **8 March** will be *A History of the London Underground* by Colin Caddy.

***** A reminder that annual subscriptions are now due *****

* Thanks to all who went on a Christmas spending spree that took the Society's Easyfundraising total to £343 *

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 15 January: 15:45: Ultimate Picture Palace, Cowley Rd, Oxford: *Britain on Film: Railways*

Monday 16 January: 19:30: RCTS Thames Valley Branch, Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Rd: *Island Treasure – railways of the Isle of Wight* (Colin Brading)

Wednesday 25 January: 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: *AGM & The Railways of Syria* (Doug Cross)

Friday 27 January: 19:30: Great Western Society, Oxford Branch, 58 Banbury Rd: *Colonel Stephens – The man and his railways* (David Powell)

Monday 20 February: 19:30: RCTS Thames Valley Branch, Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Rd: *Quiz & Lost views from the lineside* (Gordon Adams)

Wednesday 22 February: 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: *Railways of the UK, Switzerland & India from a Tour Manager's Perspective* (Alex Green)

Friday 24 February: 19:30: Great Western Society, Oxford Branch, 58 Banbury Rd: *Group AGM & Industrial Railways Scene 1969* (John Hubbard)

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