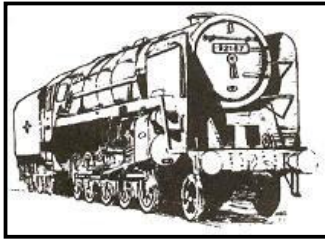


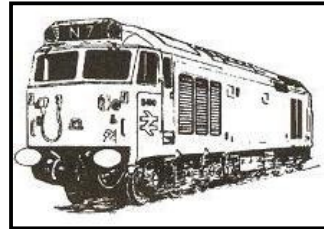
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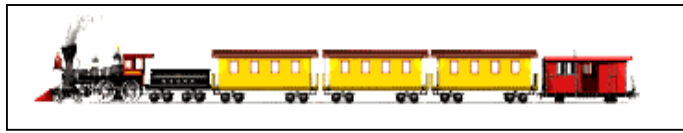


At this month's meeting **Chris Caddy** will be presenting *A History of the London Underground*. The editor's photographs show (above) Metro-Cammell 1959 Stock arriving at Finchley Central on the Northern Line and (right) celebrity ex-Metropolitan electric locomotive Sarah Siddons departing from Harrow on the Hill. We are all, of course impeccably behaved when out with our cameras...



Next month, on 12 April, Steve Beamon of the British Transport Police History Group will be giving a talk on *Policing for Railways, Docks and Canals 1824 to 1948*.





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TERRY WALDEN 1936-2017

When Terry joined the queue which stretched from the Town Hall steps into High Street little did he realise that his life was soon to change forever! The occasion was the Annual Exhibition of the Oxford Model Railway Society at which the Oxfordshire Railway Society had a stand. He picked up a programme flyer and shortly afterwards joined the society and the rest, as they say, is history. In February 1982 he was elected to the committee, on which he was to serve for the next thirty years! During that time he has 'worn many different hats' including those of Minutes Secretary and the often thankless and at times frustrating position of Programme Secretary. Publicity, including preparing posters for our monthly meetings, and organising the Annual Photographic Competition also came within his remit.



During the late 1980s he wrote several articles for the Society magazine *8IF* and was also a regular contributor to the monthly newsletter *Buffer Stop*, even producing his own version, *Track Maintenance* for a short time in 2014. He was also responsible for the first film show, not only collecting the hired-in reels from Oxford station but operating the projector as well! This was, of course, a precursor to the Annual Bumper Film Show which was presented by Alan Willmott for many years; who can forget Terry's infectious laugh when Alan projected the cartoon he included "especially for Terry"!

He became Chairman in 1992, and in the March 2012 issue of *Buffer Stop* the following question appeared: 'What have Fabio Capello and Terry Walden got in common'? Answer: 'They both resigned on the evening of February 8th 2012, but whereas Capello was in the 'hot seat' for only 4 years, Terry could boast 20 years at the helm'! In the same issue, Mark Horseman, describing Terry's 30 years on the committee, wrote....."he contributed greatly to the Society overseeing the change of venue at least 4 times, recruiting members, raising funds through sales stands, managing the advertising, and through his vast network of friends and acquaintances generally eased the way for the society to thrive...the society owes a great deal to all the behind-the-scenes work as well as being the 'face of the society'."

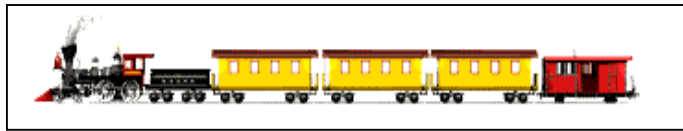
Although not on the committee since 2012 he had continued to have the best interests of the Society at heart, and despite failing health and eyesight forcing him 'off the road' he attended as many meetings as possible. In 2015, to mark the 40th anniversary of the Society, he felt the occasion should be commemorated in some way so he baked a cake, or rather his long-suffering wife did!

As Terry himself used to say when friends and acquaintances passed on "he has gone to that great shunting yard in the sky". He will be sorely missed. Our condolences go to Maire and sons Hugh and John.

Words: Peter Heath

Photo: Mark Horseman

St. Thomas More Church in Kidlington was filled to capacity with mourners on Wednesday 15 February who attended Terry's funeral. Maire, Hugh and John seemed overwhelmed and surprised at the amount of people who had turned up. At least nine current or former Committee or ordinary members, some with their wives, represented the Society. The Committee has agreed to make a donation to one of his family's chosen charities in memory of Terry.



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HEADBOARD FOOTNOTE



At last month's Annual General Meeting Paul Alexander asked if anyone knew the whereabouts of the Society headboard. Peter Heath has provided this photograph showing *Western Courier* adorned with the board and a younger Paul on a Society visit to the Severn Valley Railway on 5 July 1980. This had barely arrived at the editorial desk before we learned that the headboard has emerged from Terry Walden's effects and his family have kindly returned it to us, so we hope it may reappear at future events.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION – PAST AND FUTURE

Results of the 2017 photographic competition, judged by Laurence Waters, were presented at last month's meeting when, by vote of the members present, the cup for overall winner was awarded to David Heath. The winning pictures in each category (with the class winners named) were as follows:

Diesel / Electric

- 1st Saluting the Queen – Brian Higgins
- 2nd Empty Flats at Kings Sutton
- 3rd Cotswold Diesel

Railway Related

- 1st Bridging the Millstream Gap – Brian Higgins
- 2nd Class 70's at Rest
- 3rd On Yer Bike

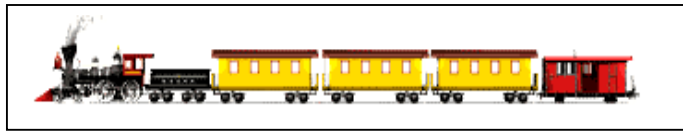
Steam

- 1st Storming up to Berwyn – David Heath
- 2nd Racing at Newbury
- 3rd Sylfaen Setting

Special category - Reflections

- 1st Time for Reflection – Brian Higgins
- 2nd Voyager Reflection
- =3rd Looking Back on Banbury North
- =3rd A Window on Yesteryear

For next year there will be a new award, the 81F plate, for video clips on the theme of *Speed*. For still images, the three basic categories (Steam, Diesel/Electric and Railway Related) will be joined by the special category *Small World*. This is intended to give scope for imaginative interpretation – within, of course, an overall railway theme. So thinking caps on and cameras out for a new season.



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VISIT PLANNED

A visit is planned for 10 June to the Stafford Barn Railway. For those who haven't attended previously, this is a farm near Tamworth with an extensive network of two-foot and other gauge lines. Open days see plenty of steam from all round the world and some surprises. Cost will be £10 plus a contribution from those sharing a car. Book the date now; there will be signing up sheets at the next few meetings or contact the editor for details.

COMING EVENTS

Monday 20 March: 19:30: RCTS Thames Valley Branch, Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Road: Peter Simmons – *Headcodes, Headlamps & Headboards*

Wednesday 22 March: 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: Richard Green – *Strictly Stralsund*

Friday 31 March: 19:30: GWS Oxford Group, 58 Banbury Road: Andy Chapman – *Restoring Sentinel 7107*

Saturday 8 April: Vintage Trains: *Moonraker* railtour Solihull–Didcot–Salisbury & return, 5043 *Earl of Mount Edgumbe* scheduled

SOCIETY NOTICES

If you haven't yet renewed your **subscription** for 2017, please see the Editor in his capacity as Membership Secretary.

Easyfundraising has raised a total to 25 February of £350.50, and one more supporter has recently signed up – thank you.

AND FINALLY...



We are again indebted to Peter Heath for bringing the history of London Transport right up to date with a view of this notice exhibited in the aftermath of last month's Storm Doris.

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