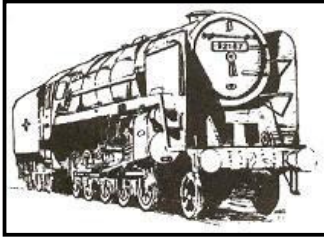


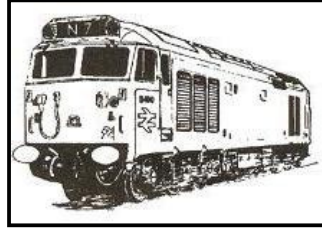
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This evening David Pinder, station manager for the Oxford area, will be giving a presentation on the Great Western Railway. GWR 166 204 was seen at Oxford on a local to Moreton-in-Marsh earlier this year.

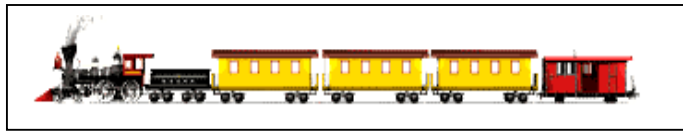
Last month Steve Beamon gave a presentation on a subject little known to most of us, Policing for Railways, Docks and Canals 1824 to 1948.

Next month on June 14, Dr David Turner will be talking on The Life and Legacy of George Bradshaw (right).

ORS evening meetings then resume on September 13.

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BUBBLES BURST

On May 19 Chiltern Railways runs its last Class 121 single-unit “Bubble cars”, green 55034 and blue 55020 (at Aylesbury depot, right), on the Aylesbury–Princes Risborough peak-hours shuttle, the victims of old age, increasing passenger traffic and demand for on-train wi-fi. From the following Monday the service is diagrammed for a Class 165 unit. Built in 1960, the ex-Western Region Pressed Steel units are the oldest passenger-carrying vehicles in timetabled service with a mainland train operating company. With half a dozen already preserved, the pair will certainly be popular acquisitions for heritage lines on retirement.



G&WR

The Garden & Woodland Railway at Thame is an amazing private 7¼ inch gauge ground-level steam-worked passenger carrying system following the practices of a larger company with similar initials. It makes an excellent afternoon out, and the ORS has arranged a visit on **Sunday 9 July** – sign up tonight.

SOME OTHER COMING EVENTS

Monday 22 May: 19:30: RCTS Thames Valley Branch, Didcot Civic Hall: Phil Deaves – *GWR Projects & Pictures*

Wednesday 24 May: 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: Mark Casson – *Railways and Art*

Friday 26 May: 19:30: Great Western Society, Oxford Branch, 58 Banbury Rd: Bryan Benford – *Great Western Miscellany*

Tuesday 6 & Friday 9 June: Steam Dreams: dining excursions Paddington–Bicester–Oxford–Paddington, 60103 *Flying Scotsman* scheduled

Wednesday 7 June: 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: Andy Fewster – *Chasing China Steam*

Tuesday 13 June: 11:25 at Oxford: Steam Dreams: Paddington–Oxford–Chester, 60103 *Flying Scotsman* scheduled

Saturday 17 June: Railway Touring Co: 08:40 at Didcot: Paddington–Worcester, out via Cotswold Line, 60009 *Union of South Africa* scheduled

Sunday 6 August: ORS: visit to Fawley Hill *Fully booked*

Saturday 23 September: Cotswold Line Promotion Group: Excursion to Minehead – contact Chris Brennan for details.

REMINDERS While out and about, don’t forget the annual photographic competition categories for this year: Steam, Diesel/Electric, Railway Related and Small World, and for video clips, Speed. And snippets for the next issue of *Buffer Stop* (which will be in September) will be welcomed by the end of August.

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