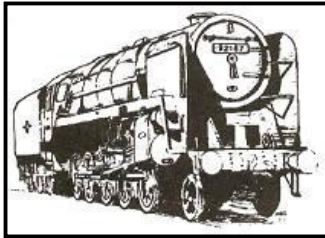
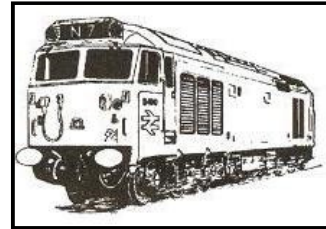


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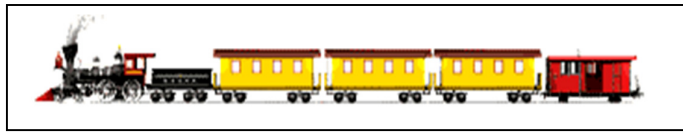
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Tonight we have a visit from **Steve Barker**, Interim Business Development Director of Chiltern Railways to talk on his company. *The photographs, taken last month, show Marylebone with 68 013 on an early evening service to Birmingham Snow Hill, and Bicester with Chiltern trains on both the Birmingham and Oxford lines.* Incidentally, Bicester Village won Small Station of the Year in the 2017 National Rail Awards.

Last month Laurence Waters stepped into the breach at literally an hour's notice and gave us his talk on the GWR and LNWR at Oxford with a wide variety of fascinating photographs, for which we are most grateful. Laurence will return as scheduled next month on **8 November**, but his topic will now be Great Western publicity.





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### D-TRAIN DEVELOPMENT

Vivarail, under the chairmanship of Adrian Shooter, continues to develop its D-train diesel rebuild of London Underground D78 stock. Prototype 230 001 (*seen approaching Honeybourne*) met its commitment to appear at the Rail Live exhibition in June and co-operative open access operator Go-Op would like to use them between Taunton and Swindon, although its proposed introduction date of December seems highly unlikely.



### DAVID SHEPHERD

The death occurred on 19 September aged 86 of David Shepherd, “the man who loves giants, an artist among elephants and engines”, to quote the title of his autobiography. Although best known to the public for his paintings of pachyderms, he was if anything more infatuated with steam locomotives and was

responsible for the preservation of several. *He is just glimpsed alongside his beloved 92203.*

### COMING EVENTS

**Sunday 15 October:** 10:30–16:00: Oxford & District Model Railway Club, Abingdon & Witney College, Abingdon – Oxrail (incorporating Zedex) (ORS stand present)

**Monday 16 October:** 19:30: RCTS Thames Valley Branch, Didcot Civic Hall: 125 Group – *Preserving the HST*

**Wednesday 25 October:** 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: Howard Sprenger – *The Withered Arm: a personal journey*

**Friday 27 October:** 19:30: Great Western Society, Oxford Branch, 58 Banbury Rd: Henry Coates – *Preservation Western Style*

**Saturday 28 October:** Railway Touring Co: *Cotswold Venturer* Paddington–Evesham–Kemble circular, 60103 *Flying Scotsman* scheduled

### RUMOUR HAS IT...

...That from next year the empty coaching stock of the Night Riviera may be worked between Paddington and Reading for servicing via Oxford Parkway, topped and tailed by Class 57s.

### BANBURY BOOK

Banbury Historical Society has recently published *Junctions at Banbury: a town and its railways since 1850* by Barrie Trinder, a 266-page hardback tracing the complex story of the town’s railway connections. It is available at £19.95 via Banbury Museum.

**8IF:** Articles for the next society magazine will be welcomed by editor Peter Heath: please see him if you would like to contribute. Deadline December 16th.

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