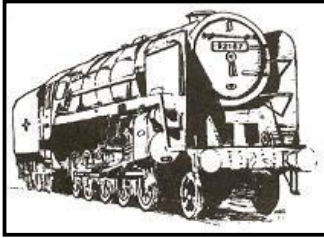
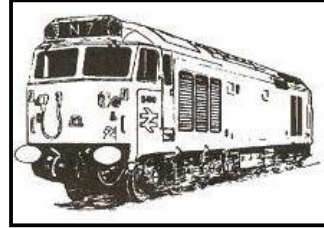


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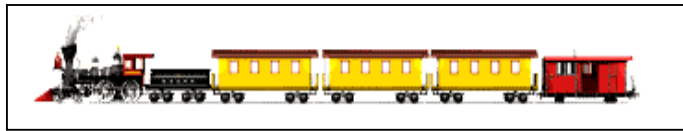
**Buffer
Stop**



This evening we travel ***From Yarmouth to Barmouth*** over the course of forty-odd years, a discursive journey by the editor. *The photograph shows 7819 Hinton Manor arriving at Machynlleth in 1987.* Next month (on **14 February**) is our Annual General Meeting, Photographic Competition and members' presentations (speak to a member of the committee if you can offer one of the latter). On **14 March**, in a change to the previously advertised programme, Chris Youett presents *Great Central Part 3: New Holland to Wrexham*.

Last month Frank Banfield presented our 31st Annual Bumper Film Show; the principal films shown were *Longmoor Closing Ceremony* (1969), Frank's own *Welsh Highland Railway* (2006), *Rhythm of the Rails* (BI&SF 1955), *The Brave Engineer* (Disney 1950), *Cornwall – the Western Land* (GWR 1937), *Wagons with Care* (BTF 1954) – from the days when BR had a now barely-credible number of wagons – and *Snow* (Geoffrey Jones/BTF 1963).

**** REMINDER: ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE!! ****



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LOCAL RAIL UPDATE



From 2 January, the all-stations locals from Oxford to Paddington have transformed into a shuttle DMU to Didcot, where passengers transfer onto Class 387 *Electrostar* services for other Thames Valley stations.

On the same date, 800 011 became the first IEP officially to operate a revenue train down the Cotswold line, the 06.52 Paddington–Great Malvern (although in fact it ran a Paddington–Hereford return two days earlier); in the first week, not all scheduled IEP services have run north of Oxford.

The photographs show (above) 387 141 & 140 awaiting custom at Didcot on 4 January and (right) a Class 800 just south of Wolvercote Junction on 5 January forming the 09.54 Great Malvern–Paddington (running 25 minutes late due to problems with the train); down goods loop in foreground reinstated but not yet in use.



COMING EVENTS

Monday 15 January: 19:30: RCTS Thames Valley, Didcot Civic Hall: Colin Brading – *Tracks in the Mist*

Wednesday 24 January: 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: AGM & Andy Fewster – *Chasing China Steam part 2*

Friday 26 January: 19:30: GWS Oxford, 58 Banbury Rd: John Zabernik – *The 125 Group & HST Preservation*

Saturday 10 February: 09:40 from Didcot: Railway Touring Co: *Cotswold Venturer* Paddington–Worcester, out via Cotswold line, steam loco not yet scheduled

Monday 19 February: 19:30: RCTS Thames Valley, Didcot Civic Hall: *Britain on Film: Railways*

Friday 23 February: 19:30: GWS Oxford, 58 Banbury Rd: Group AGM

Wednesday 28 February: 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: John Harrison – *The Settle & Carlisle Railway*

Thursday 1 March: 11:50 from Swindon: Steam Dreams: *Cathedrals Express* Paddington–Cardiff, 70013 scheduled

**** No Buffer Stop next month (AGM); back in March ****

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