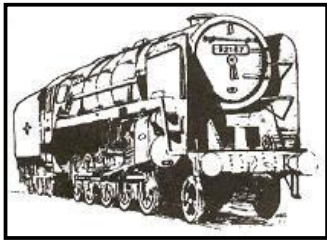


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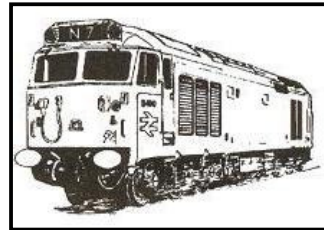
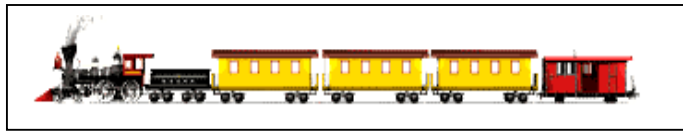


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This evening **Ken Livermore** (of the North British Locomotive Preservation Group) is giving a presentation on the *Great Eastern Line 1954–1962*. The main photograph shows Thompson B1 61059 (built by North British in 1946) about to leave Norwich Thorpe on an up express on 25 January 1958. On the right, GE line stalwart Oliver Cromwell leaves Oxford in January. Last month Chris Youett took us over the Great Central route from New Holland to Manchester in a fine selection of colour slides. Next month, on May 9, Peter Harrison will be talking on The construction of the Channel Tunnel.





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### GEORGE WILLIAMS

We are very sorry to have to report the death on 28 March of George Williams. One of nature's gentlemen, George has been exercising his teaming skills at our monthly meetings for as long as most of us can remember, as well as being an actively willing and helpful member of the Society's Committee, working unobtrusively to help keep us running. Our sympathies go to his wife and family. There will be a thanksgiving for his life on 20 April at St Mary's Church, Cogges, Witney.

### SIR PETER DEPARTS

HST power car 43127 *Sir Peter Parker 1924–2002 Cotswold Line 150* has come off lease to Great Western (at Laira) and headed north for pastures new. The nameplates (which helped mark Sir Peter's patronage of Charlbury station) are being removed and, as they have been designated, at least one is expected to transfer to the National Railway Museum.

### SOCIETY NOTICES

There should be opportunities to sign up this evening for the following events:

**Wednesday 25 April:** Visit to Being Brunel, Bristol Harbourside

**Sunday 3 June:** Visit to Pete Waterman's model railway

**Saturday 11 August:** Fish and chip supper on Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway

**Photographic competition:** Time to get out the camera for a new season! Our annual competition will have the customary categories for Steam, Diesel+Electric and Railway Related, with a special category for Black & White; and we are also again inviting video entries. And apologies to Andrew Suckling for wrongly crediting his 'Steam' winning entry this year in the last issue.

**Easyfundraising** has now reached the magnificent total of £522 thanks to £60 being raised by one member!

### COMING EVENTS

**Monday 16 April:** 19:30: RCTS Thames Valley, Didcot Civic Hall: Matthew Hills – *Pullman Dining Trains*

**Friday 27 April:** 19:30: GWS Oxford, 58 Banbury Rd: Chris Nettleton – *H.N. Gresley*

**Saturday–Monday 5–7 May:** Great Western Main Line blockade between Hayes & Harlington and Maidenhead (for Elizabeth Line work): some long-distance services diverted via Bicester and Oxford

**Sunday–Monday 6–7 May:** Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, Quainton Road: Spring Steam Gala (several industrials expected to be in steam) & Model Railway Exhibition

**Wednesday 9 May:** *Belmond British Pullman*: Victoria–Worcester: Class 67s

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