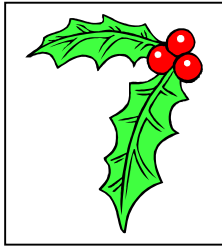
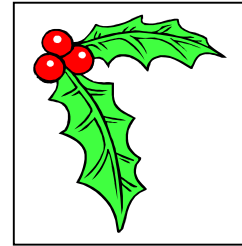
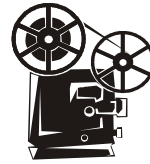


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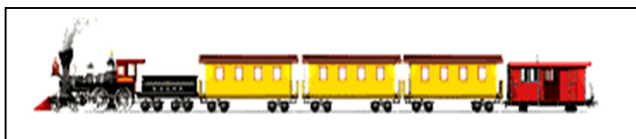
This 1940s New England winter scene shows New York, New Haven & Hartford I-5 class Hudson #1404

Season's greetings from the editor and the ORS Committee and welcome to our **32nd Annual Bumper Film Show**, presented by **Frank Banfield**.

Last month, Stanley Jenkins gave a presentation on The Chester & Holyhead Railway with a postscript of local station views from the Lens of Sutton Collection.

At next month's meeting on **9 January** Keith Gower will be asking "Why are there no tube trains to Bushey Heath?"





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NEWS ROUNDUP



Peter Heath has provided this view of **Didcot's** 'Saint' in black as 2983 *Redgauntlet*. Steaming as *Lady of Quality* is next year, all being well. Over at **Buckinghamshire Railway Centre**, it is hoped that early-BR built 6989 *Wightwick Hall* will have its restoration to working order completed by the end of this year, making it the 150th ex-Barry locomotive restored (it was 88th out of the yard).

Incidentally, Quanton Road promises to be an interesting location if all current plans are fulfilled, with a steam running line either side of the East-West Rail Link's Milton Keynes–Aylesbury connection, and HS2 running alongside. Meanwhile, on the **Bedford–Bletchley** portion, introduction of Vivarail's class 230 D-Trains is postponed until the New Year, but on 27 September a unit running mileage accumulation became the first operation under Vintage Trains' new Train Operating Company Licence – not so surprising given that Adrian Shooter chairs both VT and Vivarail. At **Banbury**, Chiltern has been using its new depot (on the site of the old mpd) since June but is facing problems over overnight noise levels. There are now regular workings between Banbury Reservoir Tarmac railhead (north of the station) and Bristol East Depot. *And finally...* did you know that the first Christmas cards, 175 years ago this month, were designed by I.K. Brunel's brother-in-law?

SOCIETY NOTICES

Easyfundraising: Grand total raised so far is £545. Christmas shopping could help up this!

Wednesday 9 January: Annual subscription due.

Wednesday 13 February: Members' evening, Annual General Meeting and photographic competition results. If you're thinking of offering a presentation, please sign up tonight or speak to a committee member.

COMING EVENTS

Monday 17 December: 19:30: RCTS Thames Valley, Didcot Civic Hall: Members' images

Wednesday 19 December: 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: *Minder on the Orient Express* (film) & buffet

Friday 21 December [note date]: 19:30: GWS Oxford, 58 Banbury Rd: Members' evening & quiz

Saturday 22 December: 07:50pu Didcot, 08:40pu Banbury: Pathfinder Tours: *The Festive Frolic*, Eastleigh–Chester: 2 x DB 66

5–22 June 2019: Curious Kat's Adventure Club: Trans-Siberian Adventure

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