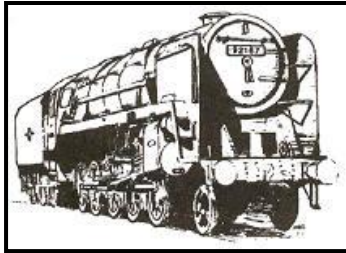
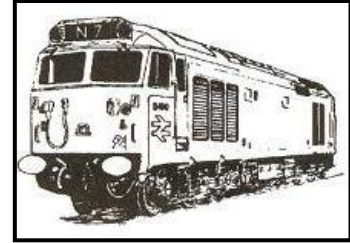


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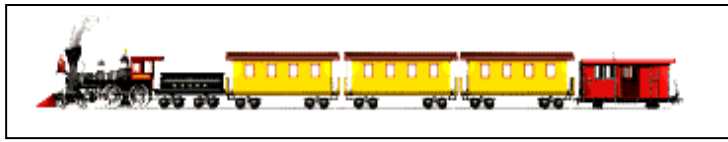
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Tonight Steve Beamon of the British Transport Police History Group returns to give the second part of his talk on *Policing of Railways, Docks and Canals*. The Editor is not sure how far bridge-bashing is a BTP matter, but it seemed like a good opportunity to present the above photograph of what he encountered near Kew Gardens station last summer. The small picture shows a BT Police van outside the rebuilt London Bridge station in March.

Last month, Michael Bunn gave a presentation on the remarkable Baie de Somme Railway. Next month, on 12 June, Geoff Burch will be giving us *Ramblings of a Railwayman, part 1, 1962–1967*. Geoff was a fireman at Guildford during this period. We then take a summer break and resume on 11 September with Chris Austin on *Railfutures*.





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WESTERN 125 FLEET SHRINKS

May 18 is the scheduled last date for operation of full-length IC125s by GWR, with the 18.30 Paddington–Taunton extended to Exeter. A grand farewell tour is scheduled for June 1. Their association with the (then) Western Region began in 1975 when the prototype set was transferred there, followed by squadron introduction from summer 1976; the editor's photograph was taken at Paddington in the following May, by which time the WR had 27 7-coach sets for the Bristol and South Wales services.



COMING EVENTS

No Buffer Stop next month, so an extended selection of events to see you through the summer.

Saturdays 18 May, 1 June & 6 July: 12:27 arr Oxford: Vintage Trains: *Cotswold Explorer*, Birmingham–Oxford circular, out via Sapperton, return via Cotswold Line: 7029 *Clun Castle* (6 July 45596 *Bahamas*)

Monday 20 May: 19:30: RCTS Thames Valley, Didcot Civic Hall: Gordon Adams – *Southampton Railways part 2*

Wednesday 22 May: 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: Richard Coghlan – *Twenty Years of Cuba*

Saturday–Sunday 25–26 May: Stoke Mandeville Stadium: *Railx* model railway exhibition

Friday 31 May: 19:30: GWS Oxford, 58 Banbury Rd: Tommy Tomalin – *The North Staffs part 1*

Sunday 2 June: Didcot Foxhall Road Car Park & station: Transport Rally

Friday–Sunday 7–9 June: GWS Didcot Railway Centre: *Hall and Saint* gala: 7903 & 2999

Saturday 15 June: Didcot to Oxford 175th Anniversary: events at Didcot, Grandpont and intermediate stations <<http://didcotoxfordgwr175.org>> plus specials with 7029 *Clun Castle* <<http://www.vintagetrains.co.uk/tours>> plus 60163 working down Cotswold Line

Thursday 20 June: 11.05 pu Reading: Steam Dreams: Paddington–Bristol via GWML

Saturday–Sunday 22–23 June: TfL/London Transport Museum: *District 150* steam specials Ealing Broadway–High Street Kensington

Tuesday 16 July: ORS: *Broadway Limited* excursion to GWR ****SIGN UP TONIGHT****

Thursday 1 August: 10.00 pu Reading/11.20 pu Swindon: Steam Dreams: Paddington–Gloucester: 44871 & 61306

Saturday 10 August: ORS: Fish & Chip supper & quiz on Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway

Saturday–Monday 24–26 August: GWS Didcot Railway Centre: Edwardian weekend

And don't forget while out and about our photographic competition categories: steam, diesel/electric, railway related, railway staff and video.

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