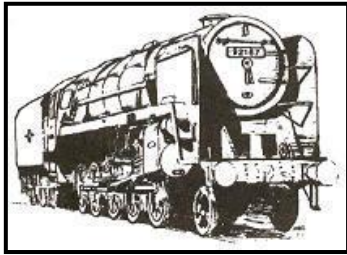


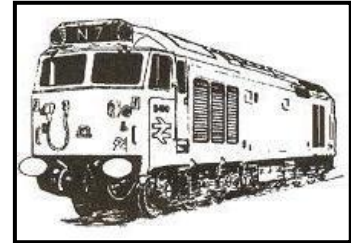
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'Hall' class No. 5943 "Elmdon Hall" approaches Walton Well Road Bridge with a service for Worcester in 1952. An unidentified member of the '2800' class waits in the up loop after taking on water. This location was a favourite haunt for locospotters. Photo: Peter Heath.

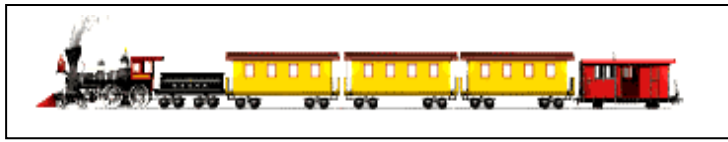
Tonight we extend a warm return welcome to Laurence Waters who will be delving into the Great Western Trust's vast photographic collection. His illustrated talk will cover the period from the broad gauge era to the present day.

Last month 26 members and 4 visitors attended the 29th Annual Bumper Film Show, hosted for the second year running by Frank Banfield. Frank treated us to a superb selection of movies, including some evocative archive footage of Oxford in steam days.

Easyfundraising: The total raised so far through internet purchases made by some of our members has now reached the magnificent sum of over £255!



Annual Photographic Competition: The **deadline** for submitting entries to the organiser, Mark Horseman, is **TONIGHT!** This year's 'Special Category' is '***Railway People***' and entries can be submitted as 6"x4" prints, or jpegs on emails/memory stick/disc.



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Dates for your Diary:

RCTS. Monday January 18th. Didcot Civic Hall, Britwell Rd., Didcot OX11 7JN at 7.30pm.

“Pure Genius – Irish Railways (Part 1)”—Chris Youett.

Also, Monday February 1st (same venue): “Great Western Electrification”—Kevin Miller and Tom Pierpoint.

GWS. Friday January 29th. 58 Banbury Rd., Oxford at 7.30pm. “Railways of Japan”—Richard Tremaine.

Toy & Train Collectors Fair. Saturday February 27th at Exeter Hall, Kidlington. 10.30-15.00 hours (**note new times**).

AGM: The Annual General Meeting of the Oxfordshire Railway Society will be held at the Seacourt Day Centre, Seacourt Rd., Botley at 19.30hrs on Wednesday February 10th 2016. We are always pleased to welcome members onto the committee, so please give this some consideration during the next month.



Members’ Presentations: These will be after the formal business of the AGM on the above date, and should ideally be around 10-15 minutes duration. Please put your name and details of your topic on the list **tonight**, or see any committee member. It would be nice if we could get a few other members to take part as well as the ‘regulars’! Your presentation doesn’t have to be illustrated, but both slide and digital projectors will be available if required.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2016: These remain the same as last year at £20 and £25 respectively for single and family memberships and it would be appreciated if these are paid tonight, or by post to the Treasurer, Chris Brennan, at 34 Foxdown Close, Kidlington, Oxon OX5 2YE. We hope that you continue to support the Society, but if you have decided not to renew we would be obliged if you tell Chris the reason why.

‘THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING’... Members who were here last month will have heard Terry Walden announce that he is no longer able to produce the posters advertising our meetings due to problems with his sight. As someone who suffers from an eye complaint myself, I have every sympathy with him. Terry has been responsible for the posters for over a quarter of a century for which the Society is extremely grateful. We are pleased to confirm that Brian Higgins has very kindly offered to take over this task.

There won’t be a ‘Buffer Stop’ next month but there will be plenty to read at the AGM!

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27th

Contributions for “Buffer Stop” are always welcome and can be sent to the Editor at 11 Ferny Close, Radley, Oxon, OX14 3AN, or via e-mail to bufferstop@gmx.co.uk

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