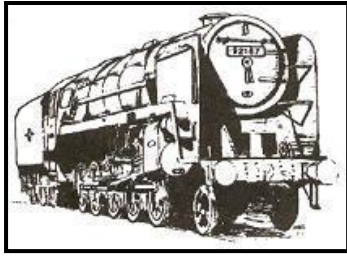
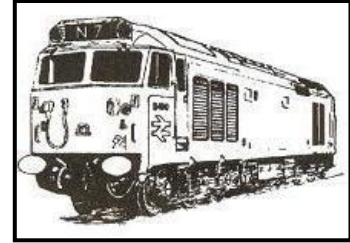


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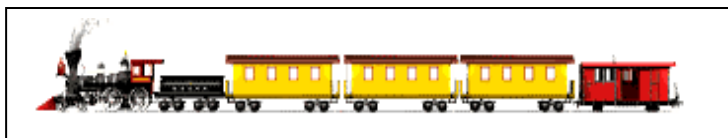


Top left: Wantage Tramway Co. No. 5 in 1920s guise; left: Wantage trainshed in 1995 shortly before demolition; top right: replica Oxford & Aylesbury Tramroad train at Quanton Road.

Tonight we welcome **Colin Brading** to talk about two of our local minor lines: the Wantage Tramway and the Wootton Tramway/Brill branch.

Last month David Mitchell took us from the Derwent Valley of Yorkshire and mid-Wales to Austria's Iron Mountain on Tracks Broad & Narrow with a superb range of photographs. Next month on **December 11** Michael Clemens is presenting our 33rd bumper film show based on his family collection of 1960s cine and we shall have some seasonal refreshment.

Also last month, the Society's stall at the Oxford & District Model Railway Club show at Abingdon was very successful, so special thanks go to those who donated material for sale.



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A NEW STONE AGE

November sees Freightliner take over operation of Mendip Rail stone trains from DB. *Below:* On 4 November Freightliner 66 419 in G&W corporate orange takes the Oxford Banbury Road Sidings to Whatley Quarry MRL empty boxes through Oxford Parkway. From the beginning of next year, Freightliner's parent, Genesee & Wyoming, should have been fully acquired by Brookfield Infrastructure of Toronto and GIC, the Singapore sovereign wealth fund. September saw the announcement that GB Railfreight has been sold by Swedish owners Hector Rail to Infracapital, in the same month as it launched a Southampton–Trafford Park container service passing through Oxford.



LEEDS TO DIDCOT



Hudswell Clarke saddle tanks visiting Didcot last month: McAlpine No. 31 (works 1026 of 1913) from Fawley and Great Western 813 (ex Port Talbot Railway; works 555 of 1900) from the Severn Valley Railway.

COMING EVENTS

Monday 18 November: 19:30: RCTS Thames Valley, Didcot Civic Hall: John Day – *25 Years of Great Eastern Electrification*

Wednesday 20 November: 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: Ian Foot – *50 Years of Continental Steam*

Friday 29 November: 19:30: GWS Oxford, 58 Banbury Rd: Paul Chancellor – *A Colour-Rail Journey*

Sunday 1 December: 11:00 pu Oxford: Vintage Trains: Solihull–Bristol: 7029

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