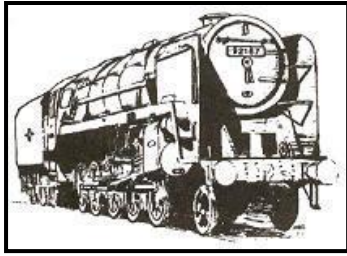
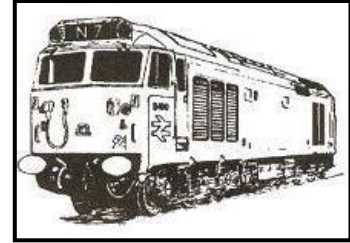


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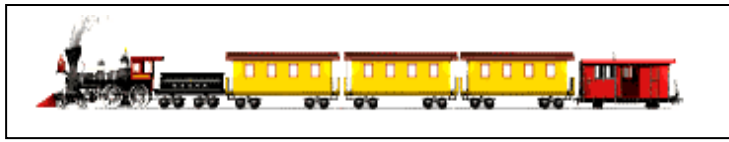


1369 at Buckfastleigh



6024 approaches Exeter St Thomas

A happy new year to everyone! We start with *The Colour of Devon Steam* presented by **Matthew Searle** based on Colour-Rail images. Last month, Michael Clemens presented our annual film show, taking us around England and Wales with an excursion to Scotland in the 1960s. Next month on **February 12** is our Annual General Meeting, photographic competition and members' evening (*last call* tonight for contributions to competition and presentations). On **March 11**, Keith Gower will be giving us *Not Only But Also*.



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WHICH WAY FOR LONDON?

Since introduction of Chiltern services, Oxford has joined Exeter St David's in the select group of stations from which through trains to London can leave in opposite directions. This also includes Edinburgh (Waverley and Haymarket) and Dover Priory. It also used to happen at Plymouth North Road, Chester General and, I believe, Nottingham Midland. Can anyone suggest any others?

UPDATES



Not quite everything that we predicted in our last issue happened as planned. 61306 was unable to make its scheduled runs. Great Western's timetable changes took effect, slightly marred by signalling problems at Maidenhead on the first weekday. Worcestershire Parkway station's opening has been delayed until "early 2020". However the new entrance by Oxford station's bay platforms was opened to passengers before Christmas (*pictured left*).

COMING EVENTS

No Buffer Stop next month, so an extended calendar this time. Railtour details are even more provisional than usual as full 2020 programmes were not available at date of going to press

Monday 20 January: 19:30: RCTS Thames Valley, Didcot Civic Hall: Colin Brading – *The Metropolitan Railway*

Friday 31 January: 19:30: GWS Oxford, 58 Banbury Road: Laurence Waters – *The LNWR in Oxford*

Saturday 15 February: UK Railtours: *St Valentine's Pullman*: Victoria circular anticlockwise via Oxford Parkway: 35028

Monday 17 February: 19:30: RCTS Thames Valley, Didcot Civic Hall: Mike Beale – *The End of Steam around Bristol*

Saturday 22 February: 09.00 pu Didcot Parkway: Railway Touring Company: *The Cotswold Venturer*: Paddington–Worcester via Golden Valley: 60009

Saturday 22 February: 10:00–17:00: Risborough & District MRC, Community Centre, Wades Park, Stratton Road, Princes Risborough: *Risex 2020 Model Railway Exhibition*

Wednesday 26 February: 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: Ian Clare – *Steam on cine*

Friday 28 February: 19:30: GWS Oxford, 58 Banbury Road: AGM & Cotswold Line

Linking last month's Pacer obituary with this month's visit to Glorious Devon, here is Barnstaple with GWR 143 603 in 2018



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