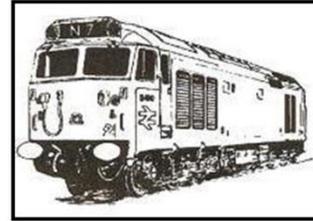
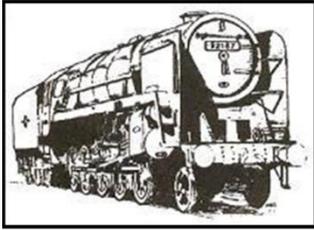


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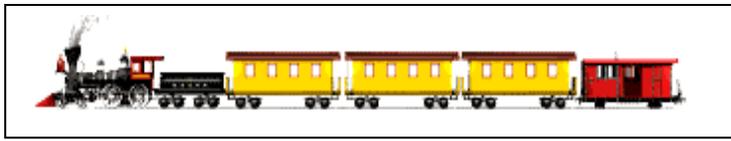
On Monday 15 November, **Chris Youett** is visiting us to deliver one of his ever-popular slide presentations *We'll Keep a Welcome in the Hillsides, part 1*. (Did you know that the music for this Welsh song was written by a stationmaster's daughter? The photo is from Cymmer, 1962.) Next month, on **Monday 13 December**, also at Kidlington Baptist Church hall, we expect to resume our seasonal film shows with Michael Clemens visiting to take us over the Southern's 'Withered Arm', the Cotswold line and Irish narrow gauge.

Look out on Thursday 9 December for 60163 *Tornado*, scheduled to be visiting Oxford on a Steam Dreams special from Southend.

ADVANCE NOTICES

We expect to put out a call next month for entries for our 2022 Photographic Competition. A reminder to those of you who want to look out your entries that the special subject will be Railway Architecture, along with the customary Steam, Diesel & Electric and Railway Related categories.

Flying Scotsman quite often makes Oxford a destination, but on 13 March 2022, an afternoon dining excursion from Oxford is additionally on offer – for details and bookings see the Steam Dreams website.



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NEWSLINES



Terrier 2678 (sometime Knowle and Bembridge, built 1880) has been visiting Didcot from the Kent & East Sussex Railway and the Great Western Trust has been granted ownership of the former Swindon Works Dennis fire engine of 1912 by the Science Museum Group.

On the Isle of Wight, Island Line reopened on 1 November re-equipped with Vivarail DEMUs. Vivarail also demonstrated a battery-electric unit in Scotland for COP26 (there's a video of it on the Forth Bridge at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBvMgCjZA28>). Vivarail chairman Adrian Shooter was present for the demo, but we are sorry to have to report that he has been diagnosed with motor neurone disease. On 20 November, Great Western restores passenger services permanently to Okehampton. Until 19 December a weekly train carrying wine is scheduled from Tilbury to a distribution centre at Daventry to beat potential road delivery problems ahead of Christmas.

ANNIVERSARY



17 November is the 175th anniversary of the opening of the Bedford–Bletchley railway. These photos show Woburn Sands about 1905 and in 2019.

Video of West Coast Main Line 1969: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5AbK_zqauzU

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