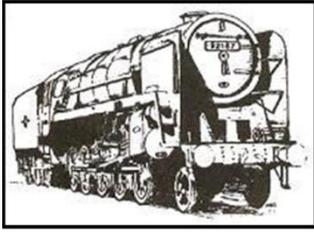
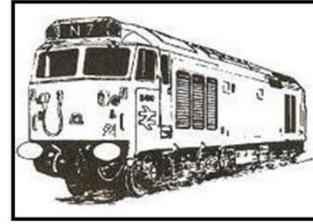


Merry Christmas Everyone!

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***Buffer
Stop***



13 DECEMBER 2021



Merry Christmas to everyone from your Committee! We are pleased to resume our traditional seasonal film shows by welcoming back **Michael Clemens**. The photographs here (*Okehampton (on the Withered Arm) long before last month's revival; 7026 Tenby Castle on the down Cathedrals Express at Oxford, 1958 (Brian Higgins) and Tralee & Dingle 5 on the Irish narrow gauge (overleaf)*) give an idea of the topics we may expect to enjoy. **Last month**, Chris Youett visited and gave a slide show "We'll keep a Welcome in the Hillside, part 1", taking us up and down the Welsh Valleys. Our next

meeting is scheduled for **Monday January 10** at 7:00pm when Christian Wolmar will take us on a visit to the "Railways of the Raj".



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NEWS ITEM**



It has now been revealed that on 21 October, an early-morning Swansea–Paddington IET collided at speed near Challow with a platelayers’ hand trolley left on the line after an engineering possession; the train did not derail and there were no injuries.

SOCIETY NOTICES

Annual subscriptions will fall due at the next (January) meeting. For those members who paid up in January 2020, we shall charge just £10 for 2022.

The closing date for entries to the photographic competition is **January 6** – contact Matthew or another committee member for details.

For 2022, your committee has decided to make an earlier start and finish to the meetings, and we propose to kick off at **7:00pm**. We shall continue to meet at on the second Monday of the month at Kidlington Baptist Church hall and the dates and (where known at the time of going to press) speakers are as follows:

Monday January 10: Christian Wolmar: *Railways of the Raj*

Monday February 14: Photo competition, AGM, Members’ presentations

Monday March 14: Laurence Waters: *Great Western Engine Sheds*

Monday April 11: Adrian Shooter: *Vivarail*

Monday May 9: TBA

Monday June 13: Howard Quayle: *Diesels & Electrics in Mainland Europe*

Note that for the February meeting we are looking for short contributions from our members: a talk, a selection of photos, or what have you. Speak to a member of the committee if you think you can present something.

SPECIAL TRAIN

Wednesday 15 December: 11:34 arr: *Belmond British Pullman*, Victoria–Oxford Parkway: 2 x 67

Tailpiece: Network Rail is adding a special dormouse bridge to an existing crossing of the Cumbrian Coast line to help link two populations of the endangered native species.

Video choice: *Heart of the Angel*, a ‘40 Minutes’ documentary covering 48 hours in the life of Angel Underground station, on BBC i-Player at

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0074tkn/40-minutes-heart-of-the-angel>.

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CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. General questions (1)

- A. Where is Trowse swing bridge?
- B. Classes 57 and 69 are rebuilt from which respective classes?
- C. What would the smell of aniseed on the footplate of a Bulleid Pacific have told you?
- D. When Maida Vale station opened on the Bakerloo line in June 1915, what was unusual about the staffing?
- E. In what world city can you travel by BART?

2. Current affairs

- A. What are the two new stations opened on the Northern Line in September?
- B. What is the brand name used for East Coast Trains' service launched in October?
- C. Pullman Rail was purchased in August by what organisation?
- D. According to the Williams-Shapps plan published in May, what will the rail infrastructure owner and network operator from 2023 be called?
- E. Where do East Midlands Railway 'Connect' electric services from St Pancras terminate?

3. General questions (2)

- A. The last 2-4-0s to run on the Western Region originated with which company?
- B. Deepdene is a station at Dorking. What did it also signify in railway history (i) as a place and (ii) as a telegraphic code?
- C. What station was used in the 1970 film of *The Railway Children*?
- D. What did 6007 *King William III*, 4469 *Sir Ralph Wedgwood*, 46202 *Princess Anne* and Freightliner 70 012 have in common?
- E. To what rail operator was the stock built for European Night Services sold after the scheme was abandoned?

4. 5x5 questions: there are five answers to each of these questions

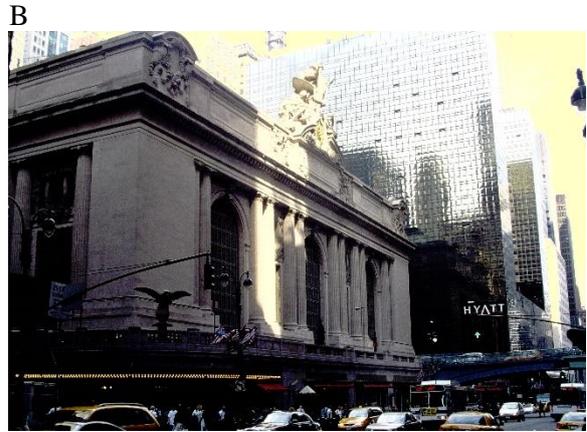
- A. Which are the most northerly, southerly, westerly and easterly passenger stations on the British network? And what was the most southerly between 1887 and 1962?
- B. In which overseas countries did LMS-design Stanier 8Fs run?
- C. Dublin's three principal stations are Connolly, Heuston and Pearse. What did they used to be called and what are the city's two termini no longer in use for railway passengers?
- D. All but one of the surviving 3 ft gauge Isle of Man Railway locomotives have the same wheel arrangement and maker. What are they? What is the name, wheel arrangement and maker of the odd one out?
- E. Deltics were originally allocated to three depots. Which were they, and what locomotive naming themes were used for each allocation?

5. The fiendish ones

- A. Which present London termini, apart from Paddington, had track of other than standard gauge?
- B. There have been four Great Western stations in Northamptonshire at various times; two are still open (but only one of those is now in that county). Name them all.
- C. The last standard-gauge Great Western-built steam locomotive in BR service belonged to which class?
- D. The last LMS-built steam locomotive in service with a nationalised railway in the British Isles belonged to which class?
- E. Which company operated the highest standard-gauge line in Britain?

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6. In what world cities would you find these termini?



A

C



D

ANSWERS

1. A – Norwich. B – 47 and 56. C – The inside big end was overheating. D – All women. E – San Francisco (Bay Area Rapid Transit).
2. A – Nine Elms and Battersea Power Station. B – Lumo. C – Transport for Wales. D – Great British Railways. E – Corby.
3. A – Midland & South Western Junction. B – i. Southern Railway wartime headquarters; ii. Royal train not conveying the monarch. C – Oakworth. D – All were prematurely written off due to accident (or bomb) damage. E – VIA Rail Canada.
4. A – Thurso, Penzance, Arisaig, Lowestoft and Helston. B – Egypt, Iran (Persia), Italy, Palestine and Turkey. C – Amiens Street, Kingsbridge, Westland Row, Broadstone and Harcourt Street. D – 2-4-0T, Beyer Peacock, *Caledonia*, 0-6-0T, Dübs. E – Finsbury Park (racehorses) and Gateshead and Edinburgh Haymarket (both local regiments).
5. A – Fenchurch Street was of 5 ft gauge for its first nine years and the eastern side of Victoria had 7 ft mixed gauge for the GWR. B – King’s Sutton (1873–), Aynho (1850–1964), Aynho Park (1910–63) and Banbury (1850–94). Banbury’s railway stations were not in Oxfordshire until a boundary change in 1894. C – 8F. 48476 (built Swindon 1945) was in service up to August 1968. D – Northern Ireland Railways WT “Jeep” 2-6-4T. No. 10 (built Derby 1947) was in service up to August 1969. E – Weardale Iron Co. (1670’ asl at Bolts Law in Co. Durham).
6. A – Paris (Gare de l’Est). B – New York (Grand Central Terminal). C – Helsinki. D – Delhi (Junction).