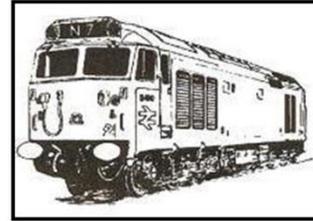
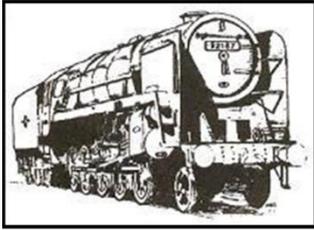


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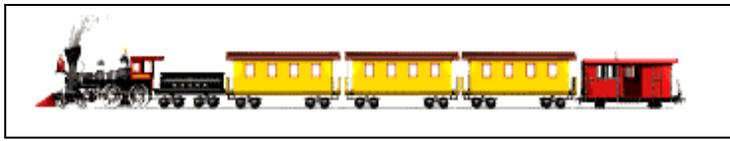


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Tonight, writer **Christian Wolmar** is visiting us for our first meeting of the year to speak on *Railways of the Raj*. In 1870, Lord Mayo, the Viceroy of India, recommended adoption of metre gauge as a compromise for the secondary network and our photographs were taken on this system in 1987: *above* 'YL' 2-6-2 5112 is on a local at Jaipur and *right* 'YP' 4-6-2 departs Siliguri, crossing 2ft gauge tracks of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway. Most metre-gauge tracks in this area have since been converted to Indian standard (5ft 6in.) gauge.





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Next month on **Monday February 14 starting at 19:00** is our annual photographic competition (judged by Laurence Waters), AGM and members' presentations. There is still time to enter for the photographic competition as the deadline has been extended to **January 16** – details from Matthew. We should also love to hear from you if have anything you could contribute as a member's presentation. Laurence returns on **March 14** to give a presentation on Western Region sheds.

SOCIETY NOTICES

Annual subscriptions fall due in January. For those members who paid up in January 2020, we are charging £10 for 2022.

The Society website at <http://www.oxfordshirerailwaysociety.co.uk/> is being updated to reflect the changes to our meeting pattern.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 12 January: 19:45 Wote Street Club, Basingstoke: Basingstoke & District Railway Society: *The South of Ireland to the End of Steam (1957–1963)* (Leslie McAllister)

Monday 17 January: 19:30 Didcot Civic Hall: RCTS Thames Valley: *Diesel hydraulics around the Western Region* (Joe Turner)

EAST WEST RAIL UPDATE

New platforms at Winslow station have been substantially completed.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONTH

100 years ago in January 1922, C.B. Collett succeeded G.J. Churchward as GWR CME.

CURIOSITY CORNER

We are used in this part of the world to the clearance between tracks at passing loops being wide as a legacy of the broad gauge. At Garve on the West Highland line the reason was very different: there was an early proposal that the line might carry fishing boats, craned onto wagons, between the east and west coasts and space was consequently provided for two boats to pass.

****No Buffer Stop next month – back in March****

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