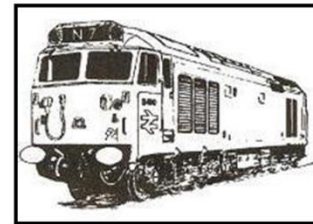
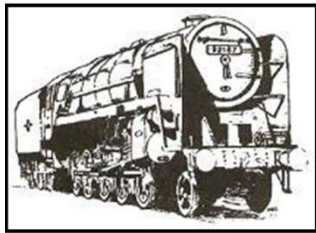


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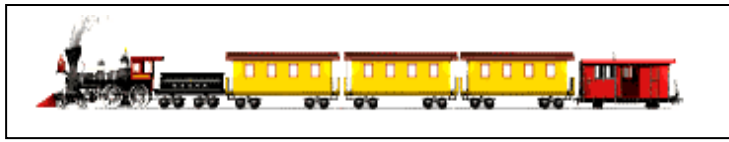


*Above: Vivarail prototype 230 001 in original configuration is launched at Honeybourne in June 2017. **Below right:** Interior of production unit 230 003.*

Tonight we welcome **Adrian Shooter** to give a presentation on **Vivarail**. An agreement has recently been signed between Great Western and Vivarail for experimental use of battery unit 230 001 on the Greenford branch using rapid-charge technology at West Ealing.

Next month on 9 May, our member Keith Gower is going to give us "A Miscellany of Transport related Photos".





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LOCAL RAIL NEWS



In another trial with alternative propulsion, Chiltern and Porterbrook first operated their HybridFLEX unit 168 329 (fitted with Rolls-Royce PowerPack) in passenger service on 10 February between Aylesbury and Marylebone; it is seen in the photograph above at Oxford on 17 March forming part of a regular Marylebone train.

Mysterious blue lights in the sky observed over Reading last month are now being attributed, not to aliens, but to lasers from Network Rail's high output ballast cleaner.

4079 Pendennis Castle was relaunched into service at Didcot on 2 April by Lady McAlpine in the company of namesake 57 604.

SPECIAL TRAINS

Friday 22 April: 15.30sd Didcot: Branch Line Society: *Honeybourne Hoover*, Burton-on-Trent–Eastleigh: class 50

Friday 29 April: Belmond British Pullman, Victoria–Oxford: diesel route & timings not yet known

Saturday 7 May: Statesman Rail: *Dreaming Spires*, Penzance–Oxford: diesel timings not yet known

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