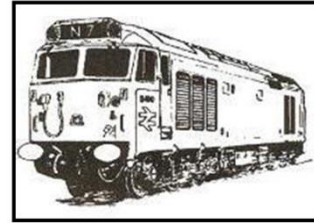
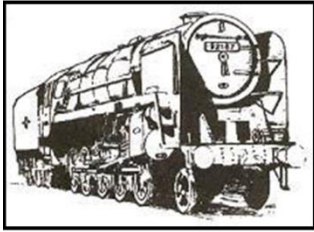
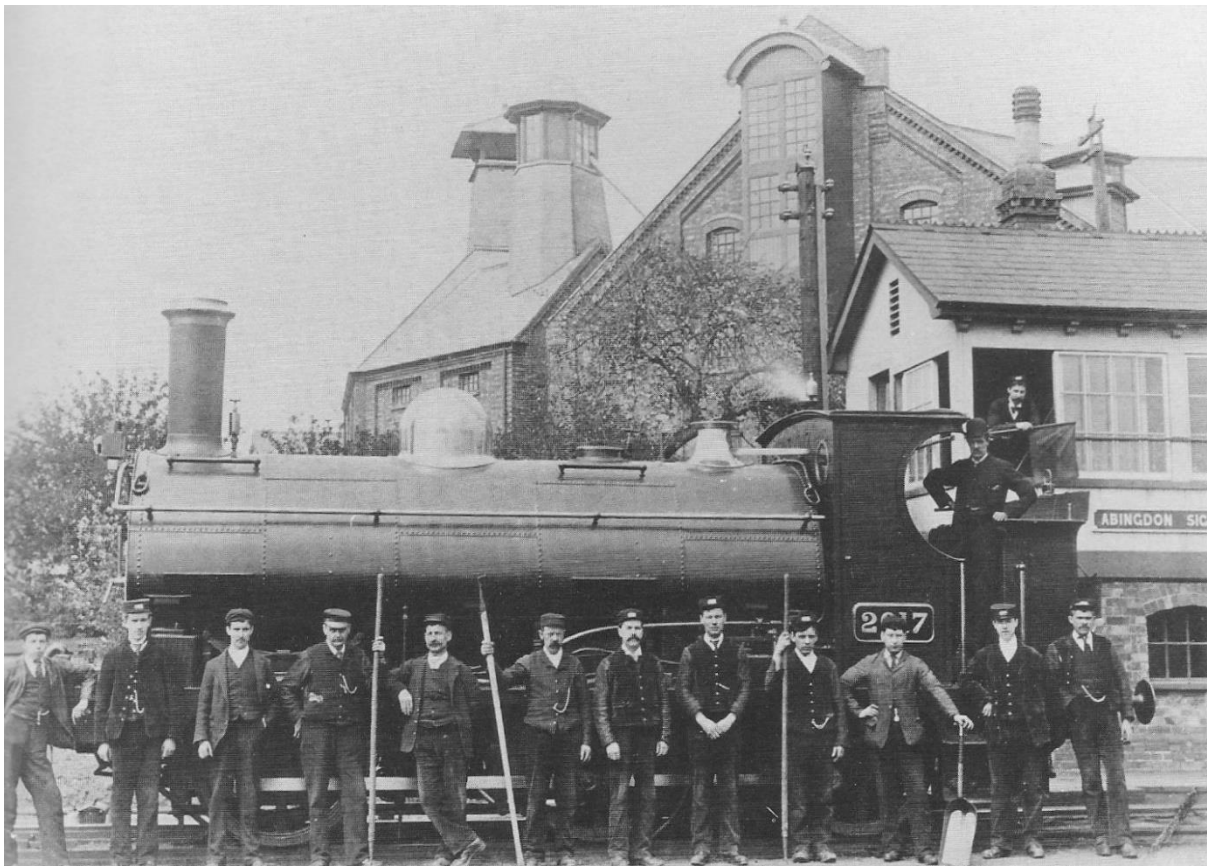


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12 SEPTEMBER 2022



*Before living memory (about 1903): a fine display of shunting poles by Abingdon maltings.*

Welcome to the new season of ORS meetings. Tonight we have entertainment from two of our members: **Ivan Cadge** is giving us *A (very short) history of the Abingdon branch* and **Peter Heath** will be following *A train of events*. Thanks to them both. The rest of our Autumn programme can be found in the following events list.

**Saturday 24 September:** Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway: auto-trailer and steam

**Friday–Sunday 7–9 October:** Watercress Line: *Autumn Steam Gala*

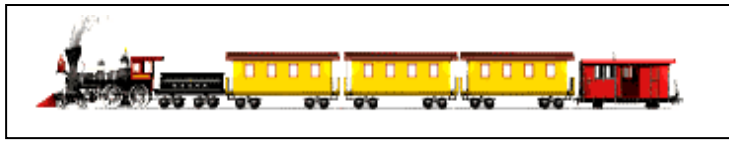
**Saturday 8 October:** 08:24 dep Worcester SH: Cotswold Line Promotion Group: excursion to Paignton: 80X

**Monday 10 October:** 19:00: **ORS:** *The Coming of the Railway to Basingstoke* (David Brace)

**Sunday 16 October:** 10:30–16:00: Oxford & District Model Railway Club, Edward Feild School, Bicester Road, Kidlington: **Oxrail 2022** model railway exhibition

**Monday 14 November:** 19:00: **ORS:** *Across the Pennines: Manchester to Leeds Main Line* (Stanley Jenkins)

**Monday 12 December:** 19:00: **ORS:** *Annual Film Show* (Michael Clemens)



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### RAIL NEWS



Last month the Department for Transport announced a £78.6M award towards a £161M scheme by Network Rail at Oxford, principally related to turning the down platform into an island, with its own entrance (*artist's impression above*). The related replacement of the low bridge over Botley Road is already scheduled for the start of next August and the whole scheme is expected to be completed by 2024 – it is being delivered under a new government initiative, SPEED (Swift, Pragmatic and Efficient Enhancement Delivery). Work on creating high-speed crossovers at Oxford North Junction was scheduled to start this past weekend and continue to the first weekend of October. However, the Government's Infrastructure & Projects Authority has flagged aspects of the eastern end of the East West Rail project as in the “appears to be unachievable” category. From 6 November, Elizabeth Line services should be running through from Reading to Abbey Wood. On 30 August a bust of Adrian Shooter was unveiled at Marylebone (*Chiltern's photo shows him contemplating it*). He is doubtless pleased that Vivarail has signed a provisional deal with Eversholt Rail to transform 30 class 321 AC EMUs into battery-electric units when they come off lease to Greater Anglia where they are to be replaced by class 720.



**P.S.** Don't forget our photographic competition and its special theme 'Steam on shed'.

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