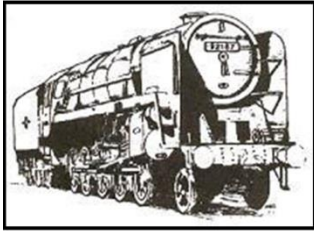
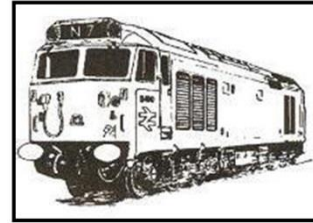


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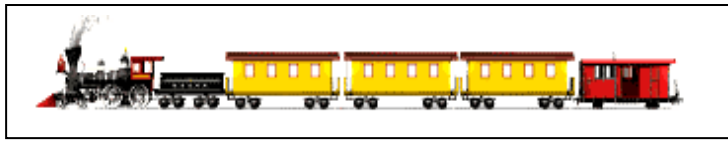


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Typical scenes at Oxford station in summer 1986 feature 50 050 Fearless on a train for Paddington and 58 002 on mgr for Didcot.

Tonight, **John Hubbard** will be giving a presentation on *Railways of Oxfordshire 1965–1989*. In his working life, John looked after freight at Cowley and for many years he chaired the local RCTS branch, as well as being constantly out and about with his camera. ****Subscriptions due tonight.****



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Last month, Michael Clemens presented our annual film show. We saw steam, sometimes in appropriately snowy conditions, on the South Western lines; around the Solent, Brecon and Shropshire; and on the West Highland; with a brief excursion to Gloucestershire.

Next month on Monday 13 February at 19:00 will be the results of our photographic competition, AGM and members' presentations – if you'd like to give one of the latter, please speak to a member of the committee.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 11 January: 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: *The South of Ireland to the end of steam 1957–1963* by Leslie McAllister

Saturday 14 January: 08:22 pu Banbury: Branch Line Society: *The Holly & the Hoover:* Derby circular via Hinksey Yard, Bicester Village, Marylebone etc: 37 418 + 50 008

Tuesday 17 January: 19:00: RCTS, Didcot Civic Hall: *A look at the history of the Wallingford & Watlington Railway* by Tony Stead

Saturday 4 February: 09:10 pu Reading: Railway Touring Co: *The Bath & Gloucester Steam Express*, ex Paddington

Wednesday 8 February: 19:45: Basingstoke & District Rly Soc: *Colour-Rail* by Paul Chancellor

Saturday 18 February: 08:45 pu Didcot: Railway Touring Co.: *The Cotswold Venturer*, Paddington–Worcester via Sapperton: WCR steam

Saturday 18 February: 10:00 pu Reading: UK Railtours: *The Heart of Avon*, Paddington–Bristol: diesel

Tuesday 21 February: 19:00: RCTS, Didcot Civic Hall: *Confessions of a Narrow Minded Enthusiast* by Colin Brading

Wednesday 22 February: 19:45: Basingstoke & District Rly Soc: *European Travels in the early '70s* by John Barrowdale

Saturday 4 March: Vintage Trains: private charter for CBS shareholders: Birmingham Moor Street–Didcot: 5043 + 7029; locos to join 4079 + 5051 on shed

Wednesday 8 March: 19:45: Basingstoke & District Rly Soc: *Coast to Coast by Amtrak* by David Peel

ADRIAN SHOOTER

We regret to report the death of Adrian Shooter on 13 December aged 74. Trained as a mechanical engineer, his early years on BR were involved with multiple unit maintenance before he moved across to more general management as area manager at St Pancras, running Red Star Parcels, and in charge of the Chiltern shadow franchise which he had the unusual experience of selling to himself as MD of Chiltern Railways, a key factor in winning the deal being his guarantee to provide the first new rolling stock for a privatised train operating company, the Class 168 DMUs. Takeovers saw Adrian as chair of DB Regio UK; he was also a founder of Vivarail. A memorial service should have taken place on Saturday at the Fawley Hill Railway. *Adrian is seen here on the footplate of his pet Himalayan Darjeeling locomotive on the Beeches Light Railway surrounding his Steeple Aston home.*

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