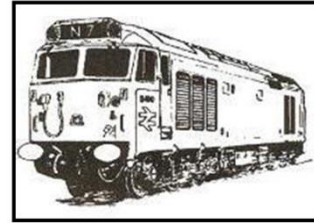
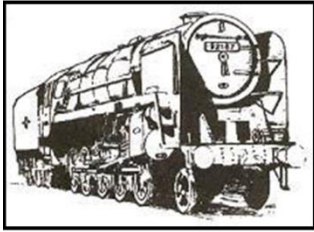


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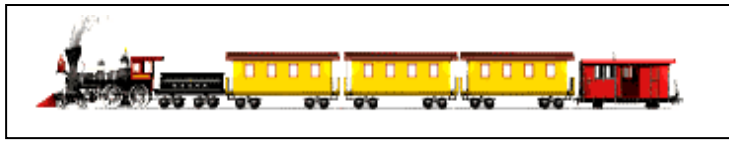


Recalling the “last train” on the Severn Valley, a fishermen’s special with double-headed pannier tanks which ran sixty years ago last month, 5764 and 5775 arrive at Bewdley just thirty years ago.

Tonight our member **Peter Darkin** is travelling from Bridgnorth to talk on *The Severn Valley Railway*.

Last month, David Mather took us on a journey from Ilkeston, where he started his railway career, back to Ilkeston, where he opened the new station, via the developments he oversaw as area manager at Oxford and elsewhere on the Western.

Next month on **November 13**, Colin Brading will be giving a presentation on *Island Treasures*, the railways of the Isle of Wight.



OXFORDSHIRE RAILWAY SOCIETY LOCAL RAIL NEWS



The last CrossCountry HST to visit Oxford: The Pines Express, a Leeds–Swanage excursion on 26 September, passes through as an ‘802’ leaves for Great Malvern. 43008 in InterCity livery is leading; ‘007 in original colours was on the other end. This marks the withdrawal of the last few sets retained by CrossCountry for North East/South West services.

What has turned up under the Botley Road Bridge at Oxford station is going to require closure of the road for a full two years rather than with a winter break in the reconstruction works. After this year, Network Rail will not want to see ‘Oxfordshire’ and ‘bridge’ in the same sentence for some time.

SOCIETY NOTICES

The Society’s stall at Oxrail 2023 made a very satisfactory return and thanks are due to those who donated model railway equipment and other items for sale.

Now the nights are drawing in, a reminder that the special subject for our annual photographic competition is Railways at Night (together with Steam, Diesel/Electric and Railway Related).

EVENTS

Until Sunday 29 October: Saturdays & Sundays 11:00–16:00: Bartholomew Room in the Square, Eynsham: *Eynsham’s Lost Railway* (exhibition with working model)

Until Sunday 26 November: Daily 10:00–16:00: Bampton Community Archive, Old Grammar School, Church View, Bampton: *Bampton and its Railway 1873–1962* (exhibition)

Wednesday 11 October: 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: *North of the Border* (Raymond Schofield)

Tuesday 17 October: 19:00: RCTS, Didcot Civic Hall: *Wartime Cross-Channel Train Ferries* (Gordon Adams)

Wednesday 8 November: 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society: *Turkey* (Peter Robins)

Saturday 9 December: 05:50 dep Oxford: *Midland Pullman*: Oxford–Edinburgh

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