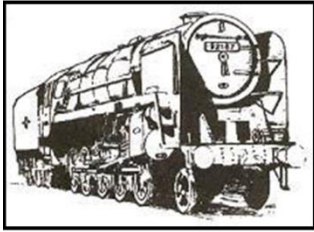
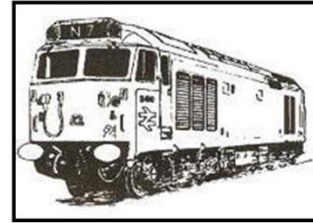


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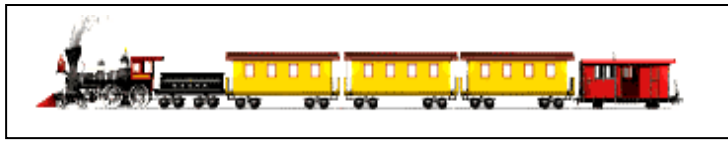
*Isle of Wight classics – '02' 24 Calbourne at Haven Street, 1979 and '1938' stock 483 009 at Ryde Esplanade, 1993*



Today, **Colin Brading** is returning to give a presentation on *Island Treasures*, the railways of the Isle of Wight.

Last month member Peter Darkin gave an insider's insights on the trials and triumphs of running the Severn Valley Railway.

Next month, Michael Clemens will be presenting our annual **film show**, but note the earlier date – Monday **4 December**.



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### STANLEY C. JENKINS

We regret to report the death at the end of September of our life member and contributor to our meetings and *81F* Stanley Jenkins. Stanley spent most of his life in Witney and although he had wide railway and other historical interests – including coastal lines and the LMS – it was the Witney & Fairford branch with which he will always be associated, having written several books on it. He was professionally involved in museum education and was a leading light in Witney Museum.

### DB => I<sup>2</sup>

Deutsche Bahn announced on October 19th that it had agreed sale of its Arriva subsidiary to U.S.-headquartered infrastructure investment company I Squared Capital for completion in 2024. Arriva, of course, is the parent of two of the Train Operating Companies serving Oxford, CrossCountry and Chiltern. This means that DB's presence in the area will be largely restricted to its Cargo operations at Hinksey and Didcot. A month earlier, CrossCountry had been given a new National Rail Contract up to October 2027, with an optional extension of a further four years, and it has subsequently extended its Voyager train maintenance contract with Alstom.

### SOUTH WESTERN THROUGH OXFORD PARKWAY

At least two 10-car sets of South Western Railway class 701 'Arterio' EMUs have been hauled through Oxford in the past few weeks for storage at MOD Bicester. The editor believes these are units that have completed acceptance testing and are being temporarily moved to free depot space for later deliveries to go through the procedure, prior to public introduction perhaps by the end of the year. They were originally supposed to enter passenger service between 2019 and 2021. When the fleet is in full operation, they should appear on Waterloo–Reading services, amongst others.

### FAREWELL MY LADY

Lady Foley's Tea Room at Great Malvern station closed at the end of October. Its cakes will be much missed.

### EVENTS

**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)

**Tuesday 21 November:** 14:00 [note time]: RCTS, Didcot Civic Hall: *All aboard the Pines Express, part 2* (Chris Youett)

**Wednesday 22 November:** 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: *Didcot, Newbury & Southampton Railway* (Richard Coghlan)

**Saturday 25 November:** Railway Touring Co: *Capital Christmas Express*: Chester–Paddington: WCRC Black 5

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

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