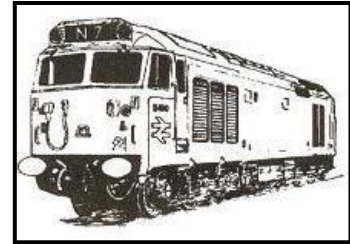
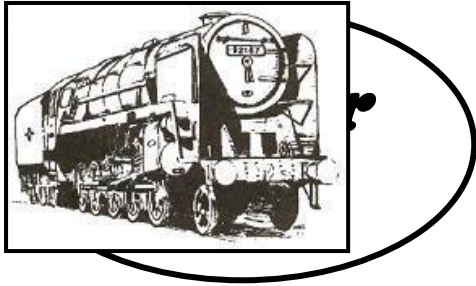


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*This is a special issue to bring you the results of our annual photographic competition, with special thanks to Laurence Waters for judging it; this year also he selected the overall winner. We hope all the class winners will see their results in 81F in due course, but meanwhile here they are, with gratitude to the entrants and congratulations to the winners.*



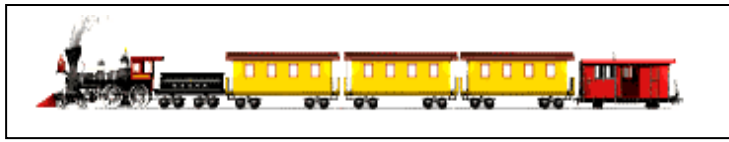
STEAM  
CATEGORY  
& OVERALL  
WINNER

***Pannier in  
the Snow***  
*Matthew  
Searle*



DIESEL &  
ELECTRIC  
CATEGORY  
WINNER

***Trans-  
Pennine  
Departure***  
*Brian  
Higgins*



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RAILWAY  
RELATED  
CATEGORY  
WINNER

**Steam  
Dreams**  
Brian Higgins

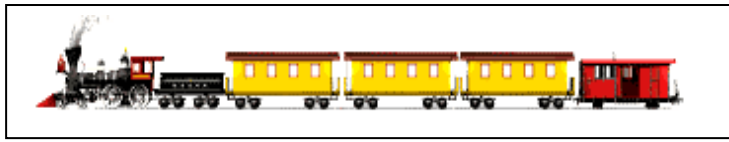


SIGNALLING  
THE TRAINS  
SPECIAL  
CATEGORY  
WINNER

**Red flag at  
the crossing**  
Peter Heath

*This month marks the 25th anniversary of the first two privatised passenger train operating companies to begin services, South West Trains and Great Western Trains, using the franchising model whose abolition was announced last September.*

*With the railway on the Isle of Wight closed for stock replacement, Quay Arts <[www.quayarts.org](http://www.quayarts.org)> is staging an online exhibition 'Off the Rails' which includes a video of Calbourne steaming into preservation on the island, an event of fifty years ago.*



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### EAST WEST BOOST

Transport Secretary Grant Shapps announced on 23 January £760M government funding for East West Rail. The intention is to reopen for passengers from Bicester to Bletchley by 2025 with a new station at Winslow. The same announcement saw £34M given to reconnect Ashington in Northumberland to the passenger network.

### CHEMINS DE FER EN LIGNE

You may remember Mike Bunn of the French Railways Society who has given several excellent presentations to the ORS. He is giving Zoom presentations in February, March and April and wondered if any of our members would be interested in 'joining in': if so, contact him for details at [mike.bunn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mike.bunn@hotmail.co.uk).

### NEWS SNIPPETS

♥ A fire has been lit in NGG16 class Beyer-Garratt no. 130 at Dinas on the Welsh Highland Railway for the first time since she was returned to the UK from South Africa around thirty years ago.

♥ Model railway manufacturer Bachmann have announced their British production programme for the year.

### CURIOSITY CORNER

After a very soggy January, perhaps it is appropriate to consider a night-time accident in February 1913 on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad's Memphis branch at Cumberland, Texas, when a freight train collided with a boat which was sailing over the flooded rail tracks.

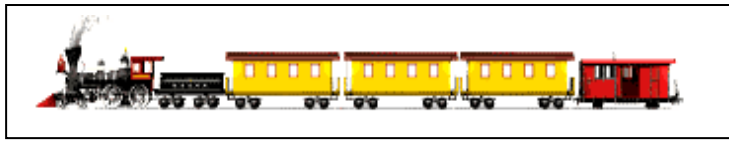
**JANUARY BUFFER STOP** is now available online at the Society's website <http://www.oxfordshirerailwaysociety.co.uk/>.

### JANUARY QUIZ ANSWERS

1. A. Victoria Terminus, Bombay (or Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Mumbai if you want the current official name); B. Budapest and Glasgow; C. i. London (Thameslink), ii. Holborn Viaduct Low Level and St Helier, Jersey; D. Midland & South Western Junction; E. Strasbourg.
2. A. Harold Holcroft; B. Gerry Fiennes; C. Major Francis Marindin; D. Livio Dante Porta; E. George Stephen, Lord Mount Stephen.
3. A. *The Titfield Thunderbolt*; B. Didcot–Chester Line; C. 24 December; D. Carterton; E. George England and Ffestiniog Railway.
4. A. Harry Beck; B. Sharon and Tracy; C. Fleet Line; D. It was spiral (or, for the pedants, helical); E. Chesham.
5. (*picture question*) A. Kyle of Lochalsh; B. Edinburgh Waverley; C. Dalmeny (south end of Forth Bridge); D. Glasgow Subway; E. Mull; F. Glenfinnan.

*February quiz overleaf (answers in March)*

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### FEBRUARY QUIZ

#### 1. General questions

- A. What piece of steam locomotive equipment resulted from a combination of work by Kyösti Kylälä and André Chapelon?
- B. Who painted the series of carriage prints entitled 'Travel in 1835', 'Travel in 1840' etc for LMR coaches?
- C. Göschenen is the summit station of which railway line?
- D. In what unfortunate event was GWR 4085 *Berkeley Castle* involved in 1933?
- E. What background colour was used for BR North Eastern Region station name totems and other notices?

#### 2. Name the stations which were the junctions for the following branch destinations

- A. Faringdon
- B. Westerham
- C. Aldeburgh
- D. Banbury Merton Street
- E. Clevedon

#### 3. By whom and where were the following BR diesel classes built?

- A. Class 28
- B. Class 33
- C. Class 35 Hymek
- D. Class 41 Warship
- E. Class 67

#### 4. Authors – Can you recognise the following writers on railways from the clues given?

- A. BR regional manager who wrote the standard history of the Great Central
- B. Wrote Guinness records books and standard histories of the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway and Swiss metre gauge
- C. Recently deceased dentist, co-writer/publisher, self-styled Bradshaw
- D. Editor really called George Augustus Nokes
- E. Writer specialising in westcountry railways and half of a westcountry publisher

#### 5. Identify the following logos



A



B



C



D