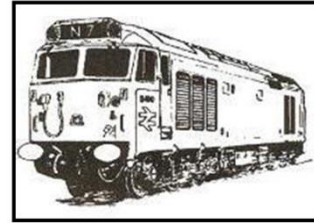
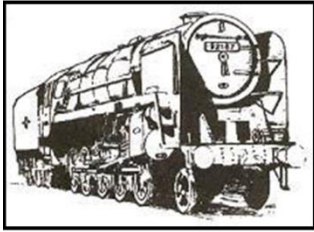


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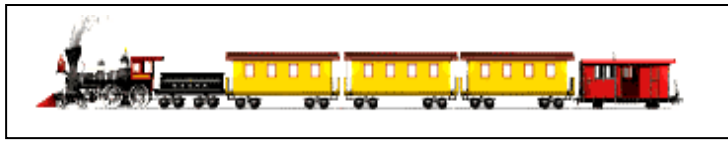


Tonight Laurence Waters returns to speak on Western engine sheds. Here are two of them: Bristol Bath Road and Leominster.

ORS PHOTO COMPETITION

Laurence, our competition judge (last month's results overleaf), has suggested an apt subject for this year's special topic, so the things to point your cameras (or mobiles) at this year are: Steam, Diesel/Electric, Railway Related and... Steam on Shed.





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Last month's photo competition results:

Steam & overall winner: *Steamy Smiles* - Chris Brennan
Diesel & electric: *Intercity Express* - Brian Higgins.
Railway related: *Parkway Cycle Rack* - Brian Higgins
Railway architecture: *Calstock Viaduct* - Chris Brennan

ORS FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday April 11: Adrian Shooter: *Vivarail*

Monday May 9: TBC

Monday June 13: Howard Quayle: *Diesels & Electrics in Mainland Europe*

Saturday July 16: Fish & Chips & Quiz Night, Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway – more details at tonight's meeting

OTHERS' FORTHCOMING EVENT

Monday 21 March: 19:30 Didcot Civic Hall: RCTS Thames Valley: *Eastleigh from railway junction to railway centre* (Gordon Adams)

SPECIAL TRAINS

Friday 18 March: 10:09/21 pass Oxford: *Northern Belle – Cheltenham Gold Cup*, Paddington–Evesham: class 47

Friday 26 March: 08:00 pu Oxford: *Lord of the Isles Pullman*, Slough–Inverness: Midland Pullman

Wednesday 30 March: 09:39 pass Oxford: *Portsmouth Harbour Statesman*, ex Crewe: class 47

NEW BOOK

As reviews editor for another society, I have been reading with interest Adrian Shooter's *Chiltern Railways: the inside story*, recently published by Pen & Sword. It gives a characteristic portrait of his people-centred and can-do approach to running a railway. Quote:

'if you ask customers what it is that they want, you might find them buying it if you actually provide it. Railways really are that simple!'

As well as Chiltern's successes, it's interesting to read of some of its "might have been" proposals, such as extension of services via Woodford Halse to Lutterworth in Leicestershire. Apparently, Chiltern's driver simulator is of Australian origin, and trainees may therefore encounter kangaroos on the track. Adrian will be visiting us next month to talk about his latest venture, *Vivarail*.

PRINCIPAL WR DIVISIONAL SHEDS

- 81A Old Oak Common
- 82A Bristol, Bath Road
- 83A Newton Abbot
- 84A Wolverhampton, Stafford Road
- 85A Worcester
- 86A Newport, Ebbw Junction
- 87A Neath
- 88A Cardiff, Cathays
- 89A Oswestry

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