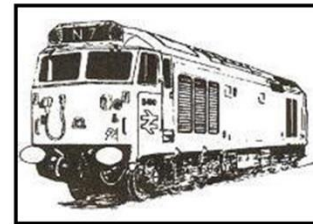
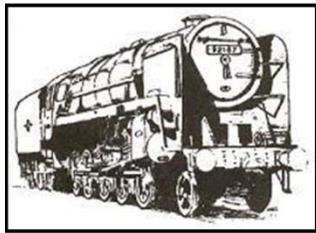
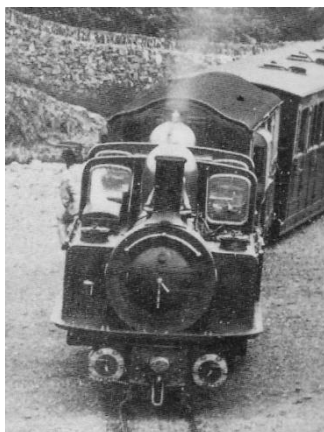


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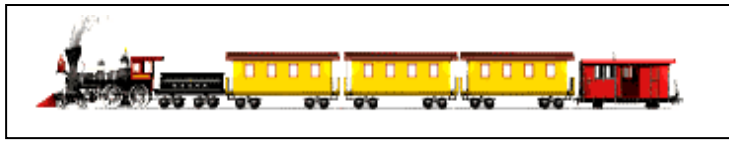
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Tonight **Keith Gower** is going to take us on a wide-ranging tour of middle England and north Wales which will embrace Toton Yard, as in his picture above. The archive photograph of the Festiniog Railway's *James Spooner* is a prelude to the recreation of this double Fairlie which is expected to be completed later this year.

Last month, Adrian Shooter generously attended to give a presentation on Vivarail, very topically with all today's concerns about future fuel sources.

Next month on June 13, life member Howard Quayle will be visiting to takes us around mainland Europe by diesel and electric traction.



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LOCAL RAIL NEWSLINES



Resuming the Class 60 theme, in March and April DC Rail Freight (Devon & Cornwall Railways) have been working aggregate trains for parent Cappagh through Oxford Banbury Road terminal at Parkway. Empties have been recorded working to Willesden (as with 60 028 seen in the editor's photo above at Hinksey Yard) and Machen Quarry. ** From the 15 May timetable change, GWR 800 units cease to operate terminating services to Bedwyn, through trains from Paddington being cut back to Newbury. ** Electrostar 387 301, regularly formed into Paddington–Didcot locals, has GWR logos on its c2c livery, although also retaining Trenitalia branding.



1 May saw the 150th anniversary of the Buckfastleigh, Totnes & South Devon Railway. The editor was present at its centenary, as his snapshot indicates.

SELECTED COMING EVENTS

Wednesday 11 May: 19:30: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: *Paris Suburban Railway System* (Mike Burn)

Saturday 21 May: Vintage Trains: *The Cotswold Explorer*, Tyseley–Oxford circular, out via Sapperton & Swindon: 6233

Sunday 22 May: 10:00–16:00: Didcot Railway Centre Transport Rally: buses etc at Lady Grove Park

Wednesday 25 May: *Belmond British Pullman*, Victoria–Oxford circular: Class 67 probable

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