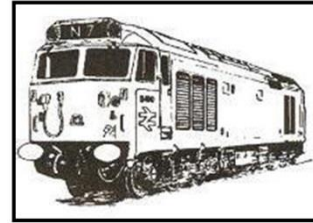
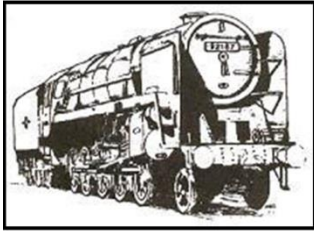


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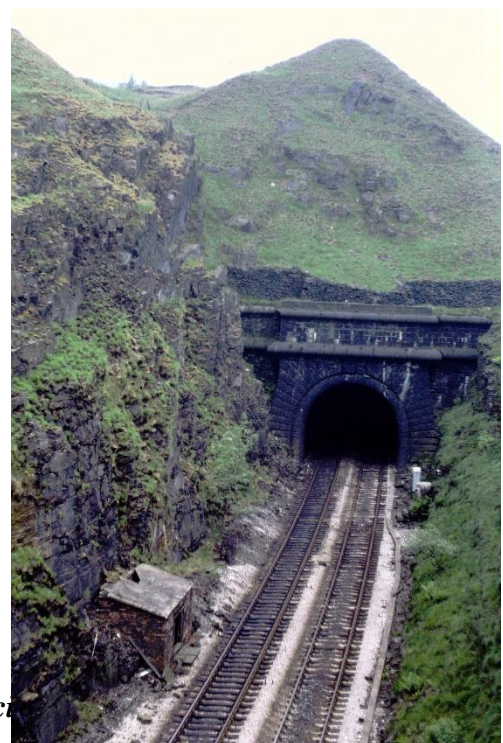


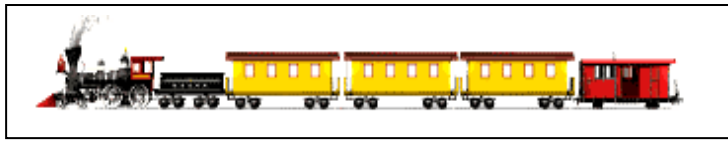
The editor's photographs show some of the engineering required to build a railway across the roof of England: Gauxholme Viaduct across the Rochdale Canal near Todmorden and Summit Tunnel's west portal at Littleborough.

Tonight, **Stanley Jenkins** will be giving a presentation *Across the Pennines: Manchester to Leeds Main Line.*

Last month, David Brace described *The Coming of the Railway to Basingstoke.*

Next month, on **Monday 12 December**, Michael Clemens will be giving our annual film show. We are hoping to see steam on the Southern Region, around Brecon and Shrewsbury, and on the West Highland line.





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COMING EVENTS

Thursday 17 November: 07:30 dep Oxford Parkway: Northern Belle: *Chester Christmas* excursion (via Gloucester): class 47/57 or 67

Tuesday 22 November: 09:30 pu Didcot: Railway Touring Co: *Cardiff Christmas Express*, ex Victoria: 6233

Tuesday 22 November: 19:00: RCTS, Didcot Civic Hall: *All Change, Britain's Railways 1967 to 1979* by Mike Beale

Thursday 24 November: 12.30 arr Oxford: Northern Belle: Christmas excursion ex Leeds: WCRC class 47/57

Saturday 26 November: Saphos Trains: *Great Western Christmas Envoy*: Crewe–Bristol via Leamington (09:20): LSL steam

Friday 1 December: 08:45 pu Didcot: Railway Touring Co: *Worcester Christmas Fayre*: ex Victoria via Gloucester: Black 5

Saturday 3 December: 07:15 pu Oxford: Pathfinder Tours: *North Eastern Christmas Markets*, Swindon–Newcastle: WCRC class 57 (40145/D345 north of Burton)

Tuesday 6 December: 09:15 pu Banbury: Vintage Trains: *Christmas Merchant Venturer*, Solihull–Bristol: 7029

Wednesday 7 December: Statesman Rail: *Bath & Bristol Christmas Statesman*, Carnforth–Bath via Birmingham International (09:45) [route not confirmed]: 2 x LSL class 47

LOCAL NEWS AND ANNIVERSARY

It is now known that for reconstruction of the Oxford station bridge, Botley Road will be closed to motor traffic for the whole of 2023, starting on 9 January.

Greggs bakery is opening an outlet at Oxford station,

November 26 sees the 150th anniversary of the 1872 abandonment of the broad gauge between Didcot and Oxford by the Great Western Railway. The Abingdon branch was converted to standard gauge and Oxford goods (old passenger) station at Grandpont was closed entirely.

CURIOSITY CORNER

Joseph Armstrong, like his brother George, was brought up in Newburn on Tyne in Northumberland. Consequently, when an official residence for him as the GWR's locomotive, carriage & wagon superintendent was built in Swindon, he named it 'Newburn House'. It was demolished in 1937, but not forgotten. What is not well-known is that when that son of Swindon, W.A. Stanier, retired to Chorleywood Road, Rickmansworth, he named his home 'Newburn'.

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