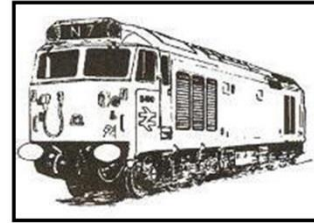
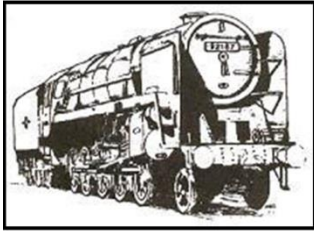


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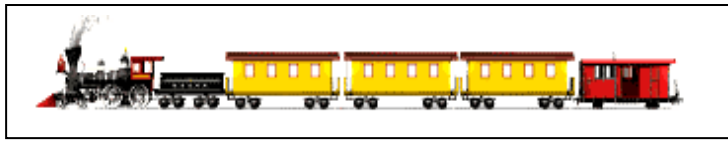
Above: 7804 Baydon Manor at Carmarthen with a Swansea to Milford Haven stopper in April 1958 (photo: Ben Brooksbank, used under CC BY-SA 2.0). Below right: End of the line – 7819 Hinton Manor at the Aberystwyth buffer stops (photo: editor)

This evening, **Chris Youett** is delivering the second part of his presentation *We'll keep a welcome in the hillsides*.

Next month, we shall be meeting on **15 May (note date)**, when Stanley Hart, Chair of the **Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway Association**, will be giving a presentation on the line.

We now have a completed programme for the rest of the year (subject to finalisation of titles) – see over.





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ORS PROGRAMME

Monday 12 June: Tony Stead: *Cholsey & Wallingford Railway*

Monday 11 September: David Mather: *A Railway Family History*

Monday 9 October: Peter Darkin: *The Severn Valley Railway*

Monday 13 November: Colin Brading: *Island Treasures*

Monday 4 December (note date): Michael Clemens: *Annual Film Show*

COMING EVENTS...

Easter weekend 7–10 April: Didcot Railway Centre: Furness No. 20

Saturday 8 April: Saphos Trains: *Cotswold Explorer:* Norwich–Worcester (out via Oxford): steam

Wednesday 12 April: 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: *Lynton & Barnstaple Railway* by Mike Pearce

Tuesday 18 April: 19:00: RCTS, Didcot Civic Hall: *All Aboard the Pines Express, part 2* by Chris Youett

Saturday 22–Sunday 23 April: Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway: Cambrian Weekend: 7820 & 75014

Wednesday 26 April: *Belmond British Pullman:* Victoria–Oxford Parkway: class 67

Saturday 29 April: 07:00 pu Oxford: Pathfinder Tours: *Spring Cornish Explorer:* Dorridge–Penzance: 2 x class 47

Saturday 29 April–Sunday 10 September: STEAM, Swindon: exhibition of photographs by Jack Boskett

Saturday 13 May: 10:30–16:00: Oxford & District Model Railway Club, Collinwood Road URC Church, Headington: Open Day

...AND LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Thursday 14 September: 18:45 for 19:00: Pendon Museum: Special Viewing. £9 including buffet (sorry, special diets not catered) – payment TONIGHT to Ivan Cadge

LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT UPDATES

The second new vehicle for Tyne & Wear Metro – 555 004 – was delivered from Stadler in Switzerland to the rebuilt Gosforth depot on 11 March; likewise the second class B23 replacement Docklands Light Railway vehicle was due for delivery from CAF in Spain to Beckton in the same month. Meanwhile South Wales Metro's new Taff's Well depot took delivery of its first class 398 tram train, built at Stadler's Valencia facility, on 21 March. The Treherbert line will see improvement (including replacement of Tyer's single-line key tokens) as part of the Valley Lines project. Public launch for the Luton Airport DART people mover was on 27 March.

BARGAIN BASEMENT

I have recently had sight of a list of sales of Great Western Railway nameplates from the last remaining broad gauge locomotives following their withdrawal in the 1890s. The going rate was two guineas each; however the well-known photographer of the broad gauge, Rev. A. H. Malan, who bought three, was charged by weight at one shilling per pound. I don't know who got the better bargain.

P.S. Your caffeine-addicted editor regrets to report demolition of the AMT coffee stall at Oxford station – along with the Youth Hostel on the down side.

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