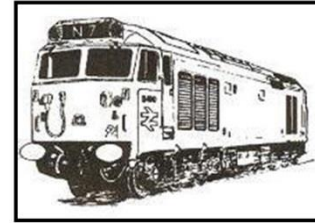
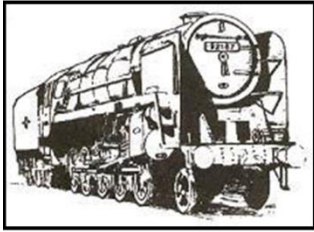


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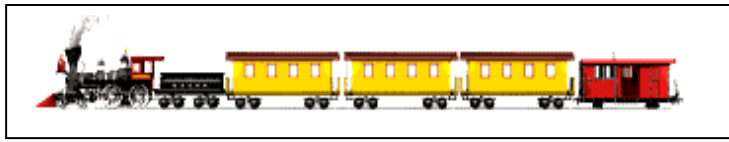
*Badminton station on the GWR's Bristol & South Wales Direct line.*

There is, to coin a phrase, a change to the advertised programme tonight. Mike Walker's talk on the 150th anniversary of the Great Marlow Railway will now take the place of the previously announced talk on 9 September, and for this evening we are indebted to **Alan Price** who is giving us a double bill on *Building the Bristol & South Wales direct line, 1908* and *The Great Western Society – the first 10 years*.

Last month, Jeff Warren took us on a colourful and evocative tour of Indian metre gauge steam in the 1980s. Next month on **10 June**, Howard Quayle will give the second part of his talk on *Diesels & Electrics in Mainland Europe*.

### **AN APPEAL TO MEMBERS**

The Society expects to be present at the Oxford & District Model Railway Club Exhibition on 15 September and we would appreciate donations of railway books and model railway equipment to sell. It would be useful if you could bring any such donations to the June meeting.



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Continued thanks to those members who have supported the Society through Easyfundraising; this has placed us in the top 50% of organisations helped in this way.

### RAIL NEWS UPDATES

Rolling stock leasing company Porterbrook agreed a deal in March to purchase the Long Marston Rail Innovation Centre (which it has been managing since 2021) and has now announced that it intends to instal overhead wire electrification and cab signalling on the test track there by the end of next year.

GB Railfreight have experimentally launched a new scheduled intermodal service from Solent Rail Terminal at Southampton to Hams Hall in the west midlands; this is due through Oxford at 10:12 when it runs, class 66-hauled with a new rake of wagons delivered for the service.

68 010 *Oxford Flyer*, working Chiltern's 13.42 Birmingham Moor Street to Marylebone, disgraced itself on Sunday 5 May when it failed at Fenny Compton; it took five hours to recover it.

The new subway and ramp access to Didcot Railway Centre is now functional.

The Model T Ford-based rail inspection car from Adrian Shooter's Beeches Light Railway has rematerialised in the new museum in Aberystwyth locomotive shed on the Vale of Rheidol Railway.

### COMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 14 May:** 08:00 pu Oxford: Saphos Trains: *Welsh Marches Express* Coventry–Shrewsbury: diesel (steam from Bristol)

**Tuesday 21 May:** 19:00: RCTS, Didcot Civic Hall: *The North Staffordshire Railway part 3* (Brian Sullivan)

**Wednesday 22 May:** 11:30 arr Oxford Parkway: *Belmond British Pullman* ex Victoria: class 67

**Wednesday 22 May:** 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: *The Ramblings of a Railwayman* (Geoff Burch)

**Thursday 30 May:** 07:00 pu Oxford Parkway: Saphos Trains: *Welsh Marches Express* High Wycombe–Shrewsbury: diesel (steam from Bristol)

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