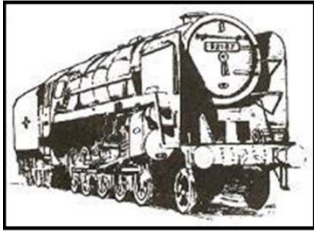
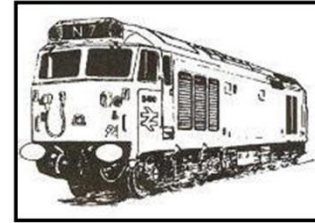


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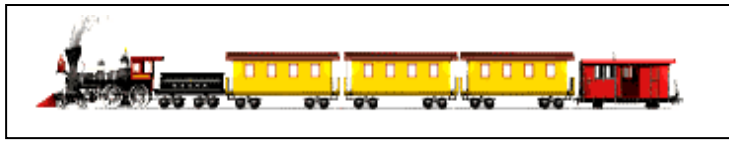
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*London Necropolis Company: scene at Waterloo.*

Nicolas Wheatley is coming today to talk on the topic ***Final Journey: the untold story of funeral trains.***

Last month, David Lane took us on a tour of the stations of the Wycombe Railway. Next month, on **Monday 11 May**, Chris Youett returns with *We'll keep a welcome in the Valleys*, part 4.



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*LNER and GWR coffin trolleys*

### COMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 21 April:** 19:00: RCTS, Didcot Civic Hall: *Travels from Jasper to Halifax, Bangor to Westport* (Stuart Hicks)

**Wednesday 22 April:** 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: *At Work Scenes* (John Holland)

**Wednesday 6 May:** 13:29 arr Oxford Parkway: Belmont British Pullman, ex Victoria: DB class 67 [ecs via Bicester COD (rev.) to Hinksey Sidings]

### LOCAL RAIL NEWS

In a very low-key admission, the Department for Transport has announced that Chiltern Railways is to be taken over by DfT Operator from Arriva on 20 September. How or if this links with the East West Rail saga remains to be seen. In another saga, that of the Botley Road bridge, Thames Water have changed their plans for dealing with surface water drainage to incorporate an attenuation tank; this is however still scheduled to be completed within the 31 August timeframe for reopening the road. Now that Freightliner has been split, there is a 'new' freight operator in Oxfordshire: Freightliner retains its intermodal trains, but Heavy Haul, which handles the trains to Banbury Road aggregates terminal, is now a separate company, although without any visible signs of change at present. *Just arrived at Didcot, the Great Western Trust's collection of road vehicles has again been expanded by delivery of this Thornycroft parcels van.*



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