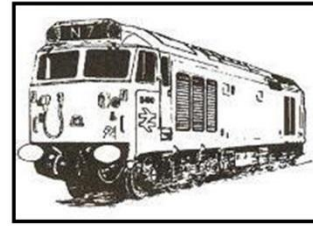
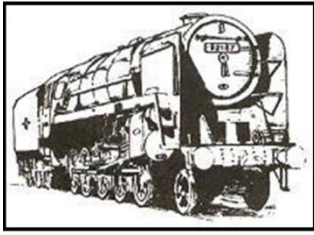


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*Conway station: double-chimney "Black 5" 44765 passes through the town walls with a Crewe to Bangor train in late summer 1962. Photo by Ben Brooksbank*

Tonight, **Chris Youett** returns us to Wales with *We'll keep a welcome in the Valleys*, part 4.

Last month, Nicolas Wheatley gave a presentation on funeral trains. Local memories were stirred by his coverage of Winston Churchill's last journey in 1965.

Next month, on **June 8**, another continuing story as Howard Quayle presents *Diesel & Electric Traction in Mainland Europe*, part 3.

We are planning another issue of our annual magazine **8IF**, now with Mark Stuart in the editor's seat, so please start thinking about possible contributions.

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Refurbished CrossCountry Voyagers are now appearing on services through Oxford.

### COMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 19 May:** 19:00: RCTS, Didcot Civic Hall: *With Lance King in Ulster: the Great Northern Line, 1957–1965*

**Wednesday 13 May:** 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society, Wote Street Club: *History & Restoration of BR 2-6-4T 80150* (Martin Orford)

**Saturday 23 May:** 07:37 pu Oxford: Vintage Trains: *The Golden Hind*: Birmingham SH–Paddington–Plymouth: D1015 *Western Champion*

**Saturday 23–Monday 25 May:** 10:30: GWS Didcot Railway Centre: *Heritage in Motion* steam weekend: 32424 *Beachy Head* visiting

**Saturday 23–Sunday 24 May:** 10:00: Stoke Mandeville Stadium: *Railex 2026* Model Railway Exhibition

**Wednesday 27 May:** 19:45: Basingstoke & District Railway Society: *Western Canada 1981/2016* (Neil Kearns)

**Thursday 28 May:** pass Oxford: Belmond: *Britannic Explorer*: Moreton-in-Marsh–London Victoria: DB class 66

**Thursday 28 May:** 13:29 arr Oxford Parkway: Belmond: *British Pullman* ex London Victoria: DB class 67

**Friday 29 May:** pass Oxford: UK Railtours: *The Mancunian Princess*: Bury–Princes Risborough via Milton Keynes, Oxford Parkway & West Ruislip: 125 Group HST

*Bangor station and locomotive shed from above East Tunnel in May 1961. Photo by Ben Brooksbank*



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