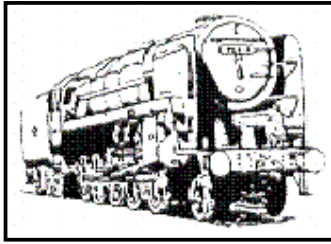


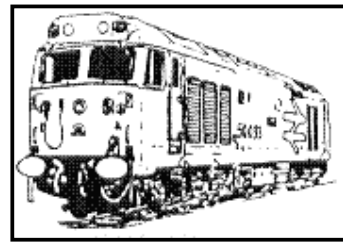
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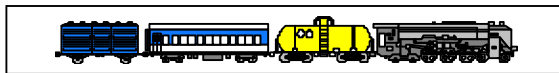
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"On The Footplate": two photographs which are very descriptive of tonight's talk. 'Mogul' No. 5322 receives a shovelful of coal at Didcot (Peter Heath), whilst the driver of 'Black Five' No. 44806 chats to a colleague before his next turn of duty (Andrew Suckling)

Welcome back after a break of four months; that's a third of a year gone - doesn't time fly! – since we were once again entertained by Gerry Siviour who treated us to some fine pictures in his talk on 'Railway Byways of Britain'. Although it wasn't quite a 'Madame Butterfly' summer we did get a few sunny days to laze on the beach or take some stunning photos for next year's competition. In 2012 we are re-introducing the June meeting so at least we'll only have to wait for a quarter of a year until September and we have got a 'scoop' to look forward to as the speaker on June 13th will be the well-known railway author and broadcaster Christian Wolmar.

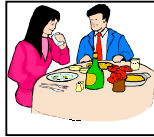
This evening we welcome Bill Davies who will use slides and anecdotes in his presentation entitled "On & Off The Footplate (from engine cleaner to driver standards manager)" covering a 40-year railway career taking in Nottingham, the Great Central, Kings Cross,



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Toton and the Southern, amongst others, plus trams and Liverpool's Overhead Railway. We should therefore be in for a fascinating and nostalgic talk.

We hope that a good number of you will be able to attend the Society's **Annual Dinner** which will again be held at 'The Railway Inn' at Culham station on **Thursday 20th October, 7.15pm for 7.30pm**. The 3-course meal will cost £16 and details of the menu are listed below. Please put your choices on the list this evening; if this is not possible see Terry for a 'deadline' date as the establishment requires final figures and choices before the next meeting:



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| (1) Prawn Cocktail | (B) Roast Beef | Ice Cream Brownie Cake |
| (2) Vegetable Soup | (C) Roast Chicken | Apple Pie |
| (3) Paté & Toast | (L) Roast Lamb | Jam or Treacle Sponge |
| (4) Garlic Mushrooms | (V) Roast Vegetable Lasagne | Ice Creams |
| | (M) Mushroom Risotto | Cheese & Biscuits |

When ordering on the signing in sheet, please use the codes above. Choice of dessert is to be ordered on the night.

81F CROSSWORD:

For the past few years there has been very little response and it was most disappointing that the last issue didn't attract even one entry, correct or otherwise!! Nevertheless we will include one next year in the hope that there is some 'take-up'. 2011 answers are below:

Across. 1. Springs Branch. 7. Risca. 8. Cathays. 9. Terrier. 10. Omega. 14. Devizes. 17. Emeer. 18. Golspie. 20. Marches. 21. Norma. 22. Shepton Mallet. Down. 1. Strata. 2. Resort. 3. Naafi. 4. Rathole. 5. Neater. 6. Hessay. 8. Carriages. 12. Earshot. 13. Hermes. 14. Hearse. 15. Spiral. 16. Lelant. 19. Linda.

DAVE KEMP. Members will be saddened to learn of the untimely death of Dave who passed away at the early age of 51, after a three-week illness, on 22nd May. He was a member of the Society from 1985 to 2000, was treasurer for a time and contributed articles to '81F'. He had also spent the last 25 years helping as a volunteer at the GWS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

17th September. Rail Tour Tyseley-Paddington via Cotswold Line with 'Castle' 5043. VNTL
 19th September. RCTS, 1 North St., Osney at 7.30pm. 'Chiltern Railways-Operations & Developments' – Adrian Shooter.
 30th September. GWS, 58 Banbury Rd., Oxford at 7.30pm. TBA
 8th October. 'Help the Heroes'/40th Anniversary Railtour. Hereford-Birmingham Snow Hill (via Badminton and Oxford) with 'King' 6024. Return from BSH-Paddington with 60163. This trip commemorates the 40th anniversary of the first mainline steam tour with 6000 in October 1971 following BR lifting its steam ban. STDR.

THE IRISH MALE! The following item is reproduced from the August issue of 'Modern Railways': 'Limerick commuters have recently been provided with a new train to and from Nenagh. Demand is so small that the evening homeward service terminates at Birdhill if the Nenagh passenger is not travelling; hence there are two paths in the Working Timetable for the empty unit to return to Limerick depot. Sad that demand is so poor, but an object lesson on the advantages of operational flexibility'

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: FRIDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

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