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The Rail Delivery Group (RDG) has said that it is working hard to ensure that the public can travel safely to pay their respects to Her Majesty the Queen during the official mourning period and particularly on the day of the funeral, but has warned that services and stations are likely to be extremely busy.

Jason Webb, RDG customer information director, said: "Understandably, many people wish to pay their respects to Her Majesty the Queen during this period of national mourning.

"On the day of the funeral, Monday 19 September, people should plan carefully the timing of their journey home as trains and stations are likely to be extremely busy."

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A railway enthusiast who once owned a large model railway in his back garden has published a new short story collection celebrating Britain's railway workers.

An article on Yorkshire Live says Paul Salveson, a former railway guard and signaller, is a well-known figure in the railway world for inventing the Community Rail movement in the UK, and is a visiting professor at the University of Huddersfield.

He is less known as a writer of fiction but the new book, Last Train From Blackstock Junction, comprises 12 short stories with a railway theme; each story is about the lives of railway people. They are about life at the sharp end of the railways. Several feature Huddersfield in the narrative.

A contractor has been selected by Transport for Wales (TfW) to rollout life-saving defibrillators at stations across the Wales and Borders rail network.

An article on Insider Media Ltd says the work – which will be carried out by Sisk Rail – is the latest phase of plans by TfW to install more than 200 defibrillators at stations and in communities throughout Wales and the borders, which began in February 2022.

Defibrillators are important portable life-saving devices that can give a casualty's heart an electric shock when it has stopped beating, normally in a sudden cardiac arrest.

The Severn Valley Railway fulfilled the dreams of many hundreds of people earlier this month when it re-launched GWR No. 4930 Hagley Hall back into traffic.

The SVR's flagship locomotive hauled its first passenger service for 36 years, following an overhaul that

cost £1.4 million.

Around 250 people gathered on the concourse of Kidderminster Town station, and proceedings began with a minute's silence to honour Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who died the day before.

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