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ScotRail is urging customers to check their journey before travelling, with some late cancellations expected when RMT members stop working overtime.

An article on Glasgow World says the strike on overtime and rest day working is part of action from the RMT and follows the 24-hour strike action on Monday, resulting from a pay dispute with ScotRail.

The RMT rejected ScotRail's latest improved pay offer which had been tabled in a bid to resolve the dispute and avert strike action.

A train that smashed into an abandoned work trolley at 123mph should not have travelled so fast to a station afterwards, investigators have said.

An article on the BBC website says the Great Western Railway (GWR) train dragged it for a mile (1.6km) near Challow, Oxfordshire, in October 2021.

No passengers were injured. The train was damaged but did not derail. However, investigators said it was later driven at 85mph when it should not have been driven faster than 40mph given its damage.

The Rail Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB) recommended red lights should be fixed to trolleys on both sides so they can be seen.

A protracted 25-year-old restoration and conservation project to bring a historic Diesel Railcar back into service at the Kent & East Sussex Railway (K&ESR) has been put back on track thanks to a £20,000 grant and the launch of a new appeal.

The K&ESR won the substantial grant from the Association for Industrial Archaeology, to help complete the complex restoration of GWR Diesel Railcar W20, after making a detailed written bid.

Launched today, the '20 for 20' appeal is being made in memory of Andrew Webb, the former K&ESR director who championed the vision of returning W20 to active service and personally led the restoration team right up until his illness and death in 2019.

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Travellers using London's "worst tube station" will be able to cut nine minutes off their journeys after a new walking route opened, Transport for London (TfL) said.

An article on the ITV website says new escalators installed at Bank station were yesterday (Thursday 13 October) switched on – meaning it is now easier to change between the Northern line and DLR.

The new route opened just days after Tube journeys returned to 100 per cent of pre-pandemic levels on Sunday (9 October).

Bank station has been expanded to include a new southbound platform for the Northern line, as well as opening a new station entrance on Cannon Street.

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