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Train passengers are set to experience more rail strike action after the latest pay deal for workers was rejected.

An article on the Daily Record says a deal proposed by ScotRail for a five per cent pay increase was rejected by the RMT and the union is now considering strike action.

Phil Campbell, ScotRail's head of Customer Operations, told the paper: "We remain open to further discussions with the RMT ahead of any ballot so that we can resolve the current dispute and work together to encourage people back to the railway."

The Tory leadership race has resulted in a delay for the procurement of the main civils framework for HS2 phase 2a according to an article on The Business Desk.

The West Midlands to Crewe route framework packages will be worth more than £1.6 billion and prequalification for this was expected to begin in July.

The Construction Enquirer reported however that prospective bidders have been told that, "as a result of the ongoing leadership changes in government, the approvals we need to issue the PQQ have been delayed".

Greater Anglia says it's invested in new hi-tech software which it hopes will help reduce the number of delays caused by train faults.

An article on the Greatest Hits Radio website says the software is used by technicians in the company's centre control room in Romford.

If a driver rings to say there's a fault with their train the technicians can use the software to click through a set of questions relating to the symptoms being described to them.

The software then identifies the actions needed to get the train on the move again.

A new event organised as part of this year's Rail Aid is looking for participants to join a 15-mile (24 kilometre) walk following the route of the central section of the Elizabeth line.

Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee year and the opening of the new railway, the Elizabeth line Rail Trail on Friday October 7th will raise vital funds for the Railway Children.

Those taking part will walk the stretch of the new line above ground between Woolwich and Paddington, collecting a stamp at every station along the way.

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