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Crossrail is set to have its “dress rehearsals” this year and could open by February 2022, MPs have been told.

The Transport for London (TfL) project has faced problems in a number of areas, including construction work and signalling systems, with the impact of coronavirus also costing it £230 million, it has been said.

However, an article in the Evening Standard says Crossrail Ltd chief executive Mark Wild told the Public Accounts Committee on Monday afternoon that efforts to complete the railway are “going well”.

No trains will run from Glasgow to Ayr until Friday at the earliest following a major fire at Troon station.

Fire crews fought against a blaze which ripped through the main station building on Saturday afternoon. No-one was injured, however the damage caused by the fire has been significant.

An article on Glasgow Live says the fire service was called to the incident around lunchtime and it took several hours to bring the blaze in the ticket office under control.

A prototype electrified rail freight terminal in Dunbar is one of 30 projects to have received funding from Innovate UK and the Department for Transport as part of the First of a Kind 2021 rail innovation competition.

Engineering firm, Furrer+Frey GB, will use the funding to develop an overhead conductor system specifically designed for UK freight terminals, which currently rely on diesel shunters.

Tarmac will host the development and trialling of the concept at their cement plant in Dunbar on the East Coast Mainline.

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A special ceremony at Winchcombe, Gloucestershire station today will mark the 40th Anniversary of the creation of the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway (GWSR).

An article on Greatest Hits Radio says it will recognise the extraordinary effort of thousands of volunteers who, over the years, have created the heritage railway that today operates between Cheltenham Racecourse and Broadway.

Some of the original volunteers will receive special awards presented by Colonel Mike Bennett OBE DL, a non-executive director of GWSR Plc.

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