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The Rail, Maritime and Transport (RMT) Union has announced plans for the “biggest rail strike in modern history” amid an ongoing dispute about jobs and pay.

An article on the Sky News website says more than 40,000 railway workers will vote on whether to take strike action, which could begin as early as June.

The union said Network Rail intends to cut at least 2,500 maintenance jobs as part of a £2 billion reduction in spending across the network.

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Samaritans' partnership with Network Rail and the wider rail industry has seen more than 25,000 staff being trained to identify and help vulnerable people.

The milestone means over one in five staff in the industry, including at Network Rail, British Transport Police and train operators, have taken part in the charity's 'Managing Suicidal Contacts' course.

Since the partnership began in 2010, Samaritans has run around 1,900 courses across Britain, to give rail employees the confidence and skills to look out for vulnerable people, teaching them how to start a conversation to get them to safety and onto further support.

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Homes England and Network Rail have fired the starting gun on delivery of York Central, by appointing JLL to procure a strategic development partner for what is one of the UK's largest brownfield regenerations.

An article on The Business Desk says real estate services specialist JLL will begin the process of securing a developer to bring forward the 45-hectare mixed-use scheme, which is expected to grow York's economy by 20 per cent.

The project will create up to 2,500 new homes and more than 800,000 sq ft of commercial space as part of a new commercial and residential quarter for York.

On the day HM The Queen celebrates her 96th birthday, the Severn Valley Railway announced that it is partnering with Hornby to produce a limited edition collector's model of a locomotive with a very special royal connection.

The limited edition 1,500 models will feature SR West Country Class 34027 'Taw Valley', the locomotive that will soon appear in a unique purple and silver livery in honour of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, renamed as 'Elizabeth II'.

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