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Hundreds of rail cleaners have gone on strike today in a dispute over pay.

The article on Berkshire live says members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport union (RMT) employed by outsourcing company Churchill will walk out for 24 hours.

They clean trains and stations on Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern, Southeastern, Eurostar and

HS1 services.

The RMT said it was the biggest ever strike by rail cleaners. The union will stage a protest outside Parliament in support of the action.

A major railway station is reopening after a line was “overwhelmed with water” during Storm Franklin.

Rotherham Central Station closed on Saturday as a pre-emptive measure.

Network Rail said engineers had spent three days pumping water off the track between Aldwarke and Tinsley.

The article on the BBC website says the station is due to open again at 10 today with a normal service resuming. Tram services between Tinsley and Parkgate will also be back in action.

Transport for Wales Rail has gone out to tender for firms to deliver a £300 million programme of station upgrades and improvements over four years.

The article on Construction Enquirer says this investment into over 200 railway stations will improve the way they look, make them safer and provide more commercial and community opportunities.

Work packages have been split into seven lots covering anything from low-value simple improvements to waiting rooms up to major station upgrades.

Sir Rod Stewart has revealed it’s taken him ten months to move and set up his beloved model train set at his English home – and it’s still not running in full.

An article in the Mirror says he had to charter two shipping container ships and specialist freight planes to bring his model train set across the pond last March.

The paper says he told BBC radio show Loose Ends: “It all got flown over here. It’s taken eight months, two containers on a ship that went through the Panama Canal and now we’re rebuilding it here in Britain.”

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