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For the first time ever, a railway bridge in Wales has been raised away from rising river waters to prevent flooding on the track.

Black Bridge, on the Cambrian Line, now stands one metre taller than before, after Network Rail engineers and contractors AmcoGiffen worked day and night to lift it away from a river flood zone.

The bridge has been closed 30 times in the last decade, and ten times in 2020 alone, for emergency repairs caused by flood water.

A total of 360 engineers clocked up more than 32,000 hours to deliver this innovative project, in just six weeks, with the line reopening today.

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The life and legacy of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Scotland campaigner, Gordon Aikman, has been honored with ScotRail naming one of its iconic high-speed trains in his memory.

The train naming is the train operator's tribute to a man who raised more than £500,000 in three years, to help find a cure for the cruel disease that took his life in February 2017.

The founder of 'Gordon's Fightback' campaign, he convinced First Minister Nicola Sturgeon to double the number of MND nurses in Scotland and fund them through the NHS.

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Woolwich Elizabeth line station has been officially transferred to Transport for London (TfL), who will operate the Elizabeth line.

Extensive testing and commissioning of systems has been finalised in advance of Trial Operations beginning later this year.

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Finally, a Victorian train left by its owners in the 1930s on their land in the New Forest is now expected to sell for £10,000.

An article in The Daily Telegraph says the wooden carriage dates to the earliest days of railways in the 1850s and served First Class on the Great Western Railway.

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