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A GWR train from Penzance to Paddington that was due to stop at Swindon was forced to turn around by its own passengers who set off more than six emergency alarms.

An article in the Swindon Advertiser said an earlier train cancellation meant the 2.19pm Penzance service - which doesn't usually stop at the town - had Swindon added to the route.

A spokesperson from GWR said “The 1418 Penzance to Paddington service was diverted via Chippenham and Swindon to assist passengers affected by an earlier cancelled train. The service was however too busy to carry more passengers safely, so the extra stops were removed.”

Women in Rail has announced the appointment of its new Chair, Christine Fernandes, and Vice Chair, Shona Clive.

Christine, a Business Development Lead at CAF, said: “The responsibility to guide and lead Women in Rail into the next chapter of its development is certainly a great privilege.”

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Rail workers are to plan 24-hour strike days as union chiefs hit out at Abellio Scotrail management.

In an article on Glasgow Live, Unite the Union say they have been “left with no choice” as they announced that a series of 24-hour ‘stoppages’ will take place over the coming weeks.

It comes following a number of industrial action measures taken by union members demanding a fair pay from the rail operator, the Daily Record reports.

The search is on to identify the headquarters for Great British Railways (GBR), the single, accountable public body responsible for running Britain’s railways.

Transport Secretary Grant Shapps has announced that a competition will be run to find a new national headquarters alongside regional headquarters.

So far both Derby and York have expressed an interest.

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