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Talks aimed at resolving the rail workers dispute will be held today after a week of disruption to services because of strikes.

Members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport (RMT) union and Aslef took industrial action which crippled services, with only one in five trains running between Tuesday and Saturday.

An article in the Evening Standard says union leaders will meet rail minister Huw Merriman as they continue to insist the government is blocking a deal to end the long-running row over pay, jobs and conditions.

Siemens Mobility, with its partners the University of York and British Solar Renewables, has been awarded two separate funding streams to help develop revolutionary solutions to power UK railways.

The first contract will enable the company to complete the final stages of technical development to feed solar energy directly to trains.

The second will explore the introduction of a charging station, and how it can enable charging on-train batteries in areas not yet electrified, creating green routes for trains powered by battery or electric depending on where they are on the network.

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A mixture of steam and diesel passenger trains have been running for a new year celebration.

An article on the BBC website says heritage trains have been operating between Norden, Corfe Castle, Harman's Cross and Swanage over the weekend.

One of the diesel locomotives hauling the trains was the last to run from Poole to Broadstone and Wimborne when the line closed to freight trains in 1977.

Londoners stripped off on Sunday for the return of the No Trousers Tube Ride.

An article in the Evening Standard says the usually annual event hasn't been held since 2020 due to the pandemic but on Sunday, the Londoners returned to mark its 10th anniversary in the capital.

Hordes of Londoners descended on Chinatown to begin the journey which was organised by The Stiff Upper Lip Society on Sunday afternoon, which also marked the inaugural trouser-less ride on the Elizabeth Line.

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