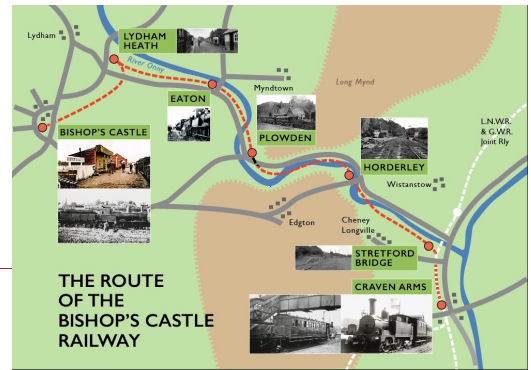


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WEIGHBRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE

Planning Application

We are delighted to have finally received the green light from Shropshire Council Planning Dept to enable us to continue restoring the building. We were particularly pleased that they considered the project to be conserving and enhancing a heritage asset and that the addition of the GWR Banana Van is sympathetic to the character of the site. The project team have already met to plan the next stages. There are exciting times ahead and a lot of hard work! For anyone who is interested in reading the full history of the application you can find it at :-

<https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

The next public open day will be on Saturday 21st March 10am - 5pm to coincide with the Model Railway Exhibition in the adjacent Public Hall.



Volunteering

Forthcoming dates for working parties, all Tuesdays.
18th February, 3rd and 17th March

Now we have temporary doors and windows and a source of heat, work can continue inside even during the winter months. There is an assortment of jobs to suit all capabilities. Everyone welcome. For more details please contact Peter Broxholme : pjb.bcr@btinternet.com or just turn up at the Station Street from 9.30am and stay as long as you like.

Weighbridge Project Fundraising

Next fundraising event will be Saturday 21st March

Layouts ~ Traders ~ Demonstrations

1. Crowsnest Wharf : 0 Gauge ~ Trevor Hughes
2. The Old Mineral Line: 009 Gauge ~ Mike Wall
3. Lydham Heath: S Gauge ~ Simon Dunkley
4. Marks End: OO Gauge ~ Mark Wigley
5. South Shropshire Engineering Ambassadors
6. Modelling in 0 Gauge with Stuart Taylor
7. Walsworth Models ~ John Percival
8. Broome Station: OO Gauge ~ John James
9. Shay Locomotive: ~ John James`s work in progress
10. Hornby Dublo: OO Gauge ~ Jack Parry:
11. Much Pending: N Gauge ~ Mike Bennett
12. Buffer Books ~ Julie Whittle
13. Tunnel Ends: N Gauge ~ Roy McGregor
14. Barton Hall: O Gauge ~ Andrew Wren Hilton & Nigel Thornley
15. Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends ~ Bryan Shear: A hands on layout for youngsters
16. Tractex ~ Graham Tetsell

If you would like more details please contact Lin– Tel: 01584 877852 / 07553010196

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BISHOP`S CASTLE MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

THE PUBLIC HALL
STATION STREET, BISHOP`S CASTLE, SY9 5AQ



SATURDAY 21st MARCH 2020

10am to 5pm

Layouts & Traders

Plenty of free parking Disabled access

Light refreshments available throughout the day

Live steam outside weather permitting

Admission Adults £4.00

Children under 16 FREE with an accompanying adult

Enquiries: 07553 010 196

Profits to Bishop`s Castle Rly Weighbridge Project



SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY NEWS via Stuart Dickinson

Falling Sands Viaduct - As some of you may have seen on BBC News recently, works are progressing well, and slightly ahead of schedule for the reopening of this section of the line before Easter. After digging out the ballast and track formation, the tops of the brick arches were examined and found to be in structurally sound condition, with



drainage outlets in place. The photograph shows the concrete, which was poured over the top to give a base to receive the waterproof membrane; then the formation, ballast and track can be re-laid. The live gas main at the side (not on old BR drawings, but revealed during site investigation), required careful protection. The SVR permanent way team have taken the opportunity to replace track work towards the tunnel, plus inserting a point, to cater for a planned future siding.

Half term Services ~ Daily 15 to 23 February

10.15/11.50/1.25/3.00/4.35 ex Bewdley 10.35/12.10/1.45/3.20/4.50 ex Bridgnorth.

Then every weekend until 6 April (Easter)

Events during Half Term

The famous Manchester Tramway Layout is again at The Engine House.

and/or for the grandchildren ~ a children's railway experience at Kidderminster Station.

- entry to a "Make me a Train Driver" workshop, lasting approximately 105 minutes. A maximum of 20 children will take part in each session.
- theatrical workshop with immersive activities.
- short ride on a diesel train in the Station, with on-board spotting trail.
- build their own LEGO train to take-home.
- FREE high-quality print from the themed vintage photo-shoot.
- FREE tea & coffee for adults during the children's experience.
- FREE child 'Freedom of the Line' voucher to use in 2020, worth £14.50 (conditions apply).
- FREE entry to Kidderminster Railway Museum.

All for £20, but sorry, no real loco driving!

Advance booking required, on-line, or 01562 757900 (option 1)

WOMBOURNE MODEL RAIL EXHIBITION

Wombourne Civic Centre
Wolverhampton WV5 9HA

Spring Show -

Saturday 7th March 2020



Our 4th Annual Spring Show, with an increase in 2019 of over 20% in visitors, we are looking to once again provide an event that both enthusiasts and family visitors can enjoy.

*** The BCRS second hand book stall will be on Stand 1.**

***All books £2 each with proceeds going to the Weighbridge Project.**

Long standing Society member Richard Newcombe is offering a variety of genuine railway signs for sale with all the proceeds going to the Weighbridge Project Fund.

If you are interested in any of these signs and would like to know more about them, you can call Richard on 01938 580340 or email him richard.newcombe767@btinternet.com

There will be more items for sale in next month`s newsletter including :- Edward Griffiths books (one is a signed copy)

G.W.R. First Aid Stretcher

L.N.E.R. ex. Craven Arms North signal box First Aid Stretcher plus other genuine railway memorabilia.



Ground Distant Signal
ex. Central Wales
Size 16"



Forden Station Crossing Sign
ex. Cambrian, Newtown-
Welshpool Size 2` x 2`



Forden Station ex Cam-
brian, Newtown-Welshpool
Size 2` x 1` 3"



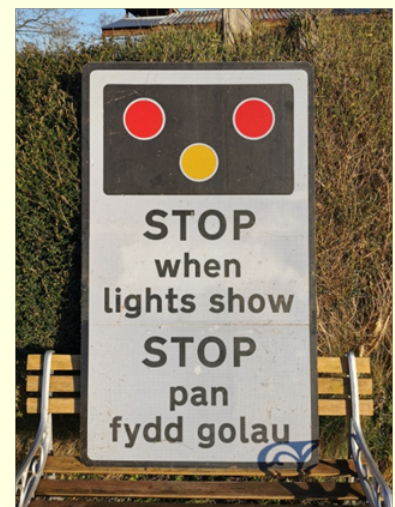
Forden Station Crossing
Sign Newtown- Welshpool
Size 1` 10" x 1` 10"



Distant Signal with Sema-
phore ex. Central Wales
Size 3` 6"x 10"



Ground Stop Signal
ex. Central Wales
Size 16"



Forden Station Crossing
ex. Cambrian Newtown -
Welshpool Size 5'x 2' 8"

Jim Trenfield Titbits.....

The Department for Transport is looking at the possibility of reopening some railway lines axed following the Beeching Report in the 1960s. In this link, Dr Beeching explains why he'd recommended that 5,000 miles of track and 2,000 stations should be closed. Before switching off, keep watching as there's footage of the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway as well as Clun Castle, King George V and the Coronation Scot. Running time is just over six minutes. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWTzZ5biML4>

Here's something else. This is a link to journeys on the Bullet Train in China which are a little different from the 07:33 Shrewsbury to Wolverhampton service. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxOFP9Q8kBE>

This is a news item about the Llangollen Railway. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-50716927>

There are some different versions of this tale. In 1900, a passenger train in Texas was brought to a halt by a flood of water from the Gulf of Mexico. The passengers and crew escaped but the train had to be abandoned as miles of track had been swept away. The engine was eventually overhauled on site when the track had been re-laid. It set off again and finally reached its destination seven years late. One version of the story claims that a man had telegraphed an order to a restaurant for his breakfast for when the train was originally due to arrive at its destination. When the repaired train finally arrived years later, the same man walked into the same restaurant and demanded to know where his breakfast was!

And finally....This year marks Hornby's centenary. Here's their take on it in just 6 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zIJryE8GFU0>

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held on

Friday 6th March 2020 at 7.30pm

at the Methodist Hall, Station Street, Bishop`s Castle, SY9 5AQ

The agenda will include reports from the current officers and election of officers and committee members for the coming year. Plus an opportunity to hear about the progress made last year and the exciting future of the Society.

This is your opportunity to meet other members and to have your say on how the society is run. Your views are welcomed as every member is an important part of the society. If you have any items for the agenda, regardless of whether you are able to attend the meeting, please send them as soon as possible to Chairman John Rimmer– john.bcr@outlook.com

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