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VIEWS AND NEWS FROM THE EDITOR

Although we still await an extra service each way, and new or refurbished trains to make the journey a more pleasurable experience, the last three months have been very newsworthy.

The most exciting development has been the confirmation of the scheme which offers free travel for rail passengers who live along our line and have concessionary bus passes, issued by their local authority. The scheme is due to run for twelve months from May 2007, and seems very simple to operate, as existing bus passes can be used to obtain free travel between Swansea and Shrewsbury. I feel sure that take up will be very encouraging, and it is certainly a bold step by the Welsh Assembly government to encourage more use of public transport. More details are available in the enclosed leaflet.

Special trains also seem to have seen a resurgence over the last couple of months, and provided a much needed boost to the local economy and raised a greater awareness of our line for their passengers, who will hopefully be encouraged to visit the area again (by train, of course). Most of these special trains have been diesel-hauled, but what really excites young and old alike is the lure of steam-hauled trains, and our line was graced not one, but two separate trains during April. I don't know how the grapevine works, but people turned out in their droves to see the two trains, one southbound, and the second northbound, pulling 13 coach trains over the hills of Mid Wales. The sight and sound of these workings were truly breathtaking and evoked memories of long forgotten days when steam seemed to hold a fascination for all ages, even though they were an everyday sight less than 50 years ago (As I wrote this I was amazed to realise that it was 40 years ago next year that steam was eliminated from British Railways – boy, do I feel old now). More steam is scheduled for Saturday, 30th. June 2007, so keep your eyes open in your local or railway press.

Also in April, following a line blockage on the South Wales main line, two of the very modern and comfortable class 175 DMUs were used on the up and down mid-afternoon services trains, apparently to enable them to be re-fuelled. It was a lovely, sunny afternoon, and they made an impressive sight as they crossed in Llandrindod station. It would be too much to hope that we could eventually see these units working our services, and we may have to settle for re-furbished class 153 single car units which are currently

provided on most of our trains. For similar reasons, a class 158 DMU unit was used on a service train the next day, coupled to an ordinary train, although it appeared to be locked out of use. It nonetheless made an impressive and rare sighting.

With the Royal Welsh Show coming up in July and free travel for certain groups of passengers, our line will hopefully see a resurgence of passengers using the line, and further justify increased expenditure to improve the services and rolling stock.

Finally, I would like to thank to thank Roger Thomas, from Gowerton, for the following cutting from the Swansea South Wales Evening Post (Radio 4 listeners will recognise the style). It reads -: Alan & Beverley Davies from Ynystawe travelled to Llandrindod Wells via the Heart of Wales line early last year, and over a roast lunch he proposed to her. She accepted and they were married in September 2006 in Hay on Wye. In March 2007, courtesy of Arriva Trains Wales, they made an anniversary trip to Llandrindod to celebrate their anniversary. Alan is quoted as saying “We are looking forward to our celebration journey to Llandrindod-it has become one of our favourite trips” Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

And, on that optimistic and romantic note, I will close and wish you all a pleasant and relaxing summer – enjoy the sunshine!



A rare visitor indeed to The Heart of Wales Line. A Class 158 DMU forms part of the evening train to Swansea

200 CLUB WINNERS

March 2007

212	Mrs M. Darmanin, Cardiff	£20
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145	Mrs. P.J. Parsons, Llandoverly	£10
345	Miss C.M. Oakley, Llandrindod	£10
356	Mrs J. Worthington, Stalybridge	£10

April 2007

50	Mr R.J. Redding, Dymchurch	£20
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May 2007

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104	Mrs A. Morgans, Folkstone	£10

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Free travel for Cerdyn Cymru bus pass holders from Swansea, Carmarthenshire and Powys from 20th May (when the Summer timetable comes in). This has been an ambition for a number of years, ever since free bus travel was brought in. There are a number of places along the line that do not have an option to travel by bus as no service has been provided, but now they will no longer be disenfranchised. Make the most of the opportunity. However, the rail service will still be the single car 153 for the main part, so if a group of you want to go, because we don't want you to stand at all please let either David Edwards or me know to see if extra capacity can be provided.

There's been a lot to do to get everything together for the launch of the Concessionary Fares Initiative what with surveying passengers prior to the start of the scheme and getting the message out across all three counties. After all, in area, they cover a fair proportion of Wales. We have sent information to organisations that have contact with bus pass holders to help us to spread the word.

Within Wales it is necessary to provide this sort of information in both English and Welsh and as on so many occasions when a bit of translating has had to be done, my friend and longstanding HOWLTA member, Helen Harries, has volunteered (or she might say, been volunteered) to provide her

expertise so that we end up with a quality product. Helen is Head of Welsh at Ysgol Pantycelyn, the comprehensive school in Llandovery.

Thank you to so many of you who have so promptly renewed your membership for another year and enclosed is a reminder for those who have yet to do so. I have met a number of you who say you need just a little memory jog, so here it is. In order to press for better services, better trains, better connections, better facilities, we need as many of you as possible to support us. This is where numbers do matter so if anybody thinks that a neighbour, relative or friend could be cajoled into joining, they would be very welcome.

Another thank you to not just a longstanding member, but a founder member of the Association, David Rowe. For many a long year, the HOWLTA website has lain in the doldrums, unable to be updated and fast turning into a public embarrassment for the Association. David has changed all that and I am eternally grateful. There is a Membership Form on the site so please feel free to use it. The Heart of Wales Line is now served very well on the web and for those of you who are able to do so, please have a look at the HOWLTA website: www.howlta.org.uk or the HOWL Forum website: www.heart-of-wales.co.uk. You can Google HOWLTA and up they come.

I don't think I will be alone in thinking that our Newsletter Editor, Roy Palmer, did a lovely job with Number 100. All those photos bringing back memories and remind us of how things have changed, not always for the better, but is very encouraging that the Rail Unit from Welsh Assembly Government took time out to familiarise themselves with the Line and the surrounding area. It is their wish to improve the railways of Wales and to make it all fit for purpose in this 21st Century. We will do our best to press them to achieve their ambitions. One thing we have long pressed for, and will continue to do so for as long as it takes, is an improved timetable with the inclusion of a fifth train at the very least.

I was reminded by an article in Rail Wales, the newsletter of Railfuture, the campaigning arm of the Railway Development Society, of the complexities of planning a timetable. The things that have to be accounted for like the different speeds that trains can run, the amount of time that a train waits in a station (dwell time), the occasions when trains have to be in a depot for maintenance, track capacity (we know all about that one. The single track between Swansea and Llanelli has long been a constraining point for not only our line, but also all points west). It has been made more complicated

because of the reduction in hours that crew can work and the lack of any spare train unit capacity, and all this before taking into account of the cost. Thank goodness there are people cleverer than me who get their heads round this sort of thing to whom I can get the knowledge.

I have been travelling the line quite often lately, usually catching the first up train at Cyngordy at about 6 a.m. and I do feel that some of the complaints that were being made all too frequently not that long ago are at last being addressed. The trains are cleaner, more of them have tidy seats and they are clean on the inside. The outside and the windows can still be a problem – something to do with iron oxide and not being able to use cleaning materials which are up to the job. On top of which they are running to time much more often. Not perfect yet, but definitely the whole thing feels better.

So perhaps, with all that is happening, it won't be long before I see you on the train.

LLANDRINDOD WELLS SIGNAL BOX MUSEUM

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Victorian Week:

Saturday, 18th - Sunday 26th August 11am - 3pm

August Bank Holiday:

Monday, 27th August 11am - 3pm

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WHAT'S ON ALONG OUR LINE

AUGUST IN KNIGHTON

Three dates for your diary of exciting happenings in Knighton this August.

Saturday 11th August – the town will be commemorating the 1250th anniversary of the accession of King Offa to the throne of Murcia – we on the Welsh side of the Dyke won't call it celebrating (!), but it is going to be a fun day. It will start with a procession up the town from the Community Centre at the bottom to the Offa's Dyke Information Centre at the top at around midday. There will then be entertainment and lots of activities on the playing field behind the Centre, including displays by a re-enactment group, juggling, story telling, archery and stocks. There will also be competitions for the best dressed Saxon peasant, etc. Food and bar available all day, hog roast in the early evening, finishing at around 9pm. Check for details nearer the time – see the telephone contact no. below.

Saturday 19th August – Town Crier's competition. Starting at the Offa's Dyke Centre, with a procession down the town at about 11am, and competitions to follow. Entrants from all over the country, in period costumes. Further details as above.

Saturday 26th August – Knighton Show – lunch time and evening parades through the town, lots of stalls, competition and activities on the playing fields behind the Community Centre, craft competitions in the Community Centre, finishing with fireworks around 9pm.

Trains to Knighton from north and south can bring you any or all of these

events – look out for any special offers this summer – and return you safely at the end of an enjoyable day. More details form the Offa's Dyke Tourist Information Centre: Tel. **01547 528753**

ROYAL WELSH SHOW - MONDAY, 23RD. – THURSDAY, 26TH. JULY 2007

The largest agricultural show in the U.K. this eagerly-awaited event offers something for all the family in one venue. A special train is planned to run each day from Cardiff to Builth Road station, calling at all the stations along the southern part of the line. Special buses will ferry passengers directly to the showground – no traffic jams, no hassle with parking and no frayed tempers. The ordinary service trains also offer alternative, but still convenient, times to travel to the show from the north and south of our line. So leave the car at home and let the train take the strain.

LLANDRINDOD WELLS VICTORIAN FESTIVAL – SATURDAY, 18TH. AUGUST – SUNDAY, 26TH. AUGUST 2007.

Nine days of Victorian entertainment, with street entertainers, daytime and evening shows, exhibitions, fun fair, talks, craft stalls and much, much more, all serving to evoke the by-gone days of our Victorian Heritage in a town which exudes a Victorian atmosphere. Train times on the Heart of Wales line again provide excellent opportunities to leave the car at home and make a visit to Llandrindod a relaxing and enjoyable experience.



Having reversed in Swansea a through Heart of Wales Line train to Cardiff awaits departure in June 2006.

LINE DEVELOPMENT REPORT

BY

DAVID EDWARDS

CONCESSIONARY FARES

Exciting times! By the time you read this, the line will be involved in an innovative pilot scheme which, it is hoped, will help many more people make use of it.

The 12 month scheme, due to start on May 20th, was developed by the Forum, working closely with Arriva Trains Wales, the Welsh Assembly Government Rail Unit, and the Counties of Swansea, Carmarthenshire and Powys. A similar scheme is also being trialled on the Conwy Valley.

The basic scheme is that holders of bus passes issued by the above three counties are allowed free travel on the line, with a very few exceptions, which are explained on our website and on the enclosed leaflet.

So a day out from Swansea or Llanelli to, say, Llandoverly, Llandrindod or Shrewsbury is now a real bargain for a bus pass holder. We're also hoping that people will use the line to make the most of the 'Heart of Wales Experiences' programme we've devised (see below)

Similarly, people living in rural mid Wales, where other public transport is sparse and incomes are often low, can take a trip to town or seaside without breaking the bank!

The level of use of both schemes will be closely monitored so that a decision can be made as to their future development.

2007 HEART OF WALES EXPERIENCES

We have been working closely with Llanwrtyd Community Transport to produce our 2007 programme of things to see and do on and along the line. A copy will be enclosed with this newsletter. If you would like another one, please call 01982 552727 or visit www.heart-of-wales.co.uk.

Joint funding of this initiative by the Forum, the South and Mid Wales

Regional Tourism Partnerships, the PAVO Sprit Fund and HoWLTA has meant that the number of events in the programme has been increased by 50% in comparison to 2006. We have also increased the print run and will be actively promoting it in places such as Shrewsbury's shopping malls and at a number of Arriva's key stations. We hope you will take part in, and enjoy some of, the experiences.

COMMUNITY RAIL DESIGNATION

Our line was one of those selected for possible 'Designation' as a Community Railway as established by the Strategic Rail Authority before it became part of the Department for Transport.

The matter was discussed earlier this year, together with a proposal that the Conwy Valley Line should also start the designation process.

For a variety of reasons the Forum (and the Conwy Valley Initiative) decided that the case for entering into the process had not been fully made, and that further investigative work should be carried out. This conclusion was supported at the February full Forum meeting, where members asked that an evidence - based proposal be put to the next full Forum meeting, to be held in early October.

We have been in touch with the Department for Transport and the WAG Rail Unit and will be working with them on a revised Prospectus for the line so that an informed decision can be made. We also took part in a short study – visit to Exeter, to hear from them about their experiences as one of the designated 'pilot studies' last year.

'THE 5th TRAIN, AND IMPROVED ROLLING STOCK'

These notes are being written in the week of the Assembly elections. The financing of railways has a direct link with politicians, given that most if not all rail services in Wales are loss making and require some form of subsidy (it's not just us!).

So the political complexion and policy inclinations of the new Assembly will be important when the bid for an enhanced service and improved rolling stock on our line is finalised. Both issues have received support from politicians of all parties, but the crucial time is when the money has to be found.

The current situation is that:

a suitable 'path' has been found for the 5th train, and indicative running costs have been obtained;

A design study on the improvement of Class 153 units, funded by the WAR Rail Unit and with briefing from Forum members, has been completed and is soon to be reviewed.

When the total costs and options have been finalised it is intended that a proposal will be put to the Minister. As you may imagine, we all wait with baited breath!

VISITORS

The Forum has been pleased to welcome two recent groups of important visitors to the line.

In April, 35 members of staff from Tourist Information Centres from across South West Wales enjoyed the Sunday Rail and Roast Experience from Swansea to Llandovery, complete with Jazz band. This was part of their pre season 'product familiarisation' and, fortunately, they liked us, so will be able to tell visitors about the joys of a trip on the line. The group travelled free of charge, courtesy of Arriva Trains Wales.

At the end of the month, the entire Rail Unit of the Welsh Assembly Government sampled the line in the form of a Team day Out. Tim James, Head of the Unit, already knew all about us from his previous role in Network Rail. But for some of his colleagues this was their first visit. So we took the opportunity to introduce them not only to the line but also – by means of a Llanwrtyd Community Transport minibus trip – to the scenery around Llandovery, Cynghordy and Llynne Brienne. Roger Stevens, of the Llanwrtyd Lasswade Hotel, also helped us by devising a mid – trip snack using some of the smoked salmon that he obtains by rail from his supplier in Broome – another Forum initiative.

We think a good time was had by all!

LLANDOVERY

Two projects going on here. Firstly, the station building is now empty and HoWLTA has led on a project to acquire the lease to redevelop the building as an asset for the line and local community.

HoWLTA has also funded preliminary work to have the building surveyed and redevelopment plans drawn up. Sources of funding are being investigated, and the Memorandum and Articles of Association for a Development Company are nearing completion. The Company will take charge of the project, and will include local representatives in its membership.

Secondly, the Forum has financed a project to investigate the feasibility of setting up an operating base from which the line's services would be run. This has often been suggested as providing the basis of a more cost effective and suitable service.

The project, kindly overseen by Tom Clift, one of HoWLTA 's founders, has given us an insight into the facts of the matter. In a nutshell, it indicates that as things stand, there is not a business case for the establishment of such a base.

However, if the nature of the service were to change significantly – two car trains rather than one, for example, or a more intensive service, perhaps with some part journeys, rather than all being 'end to end', then the picture would change. This piece of work will provide a useful aid to future planning.



A southbound special draws into Llandrindod Station on 15th April, 2007, the passengers enjoying 3 hours of glorious welsh sunshine.

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Steam in repose - two LMS Black 5's rest in Llandrindod Station.

BRANDING AND SIGNAGE

In a good example of 'partnership' working, the Forum has been collaborating with Arriva, the Assembly Rail Unit, and HoWLTA to implement plans for installing improved signs and timetables for the line at Swansea, Llanelli, and Shrewsbury.

A member of Arriva's station team, Amber Sutton, has worked hard in obtaining designs and costs from their suppliers. She has also set up a design competition for the signs to be used at Swansea. The competition has involved students from the Swansea Institute and the winning entries will be on show at Swansea later in the year.

In a separate project, Gill Wright has worked with students at Llandeilo to design and install a stunning mural that now brightens up the Northbound platform.

David Edwards, Line Development Officer.

RAIL RAMBLES

Saturday 7 July

- 1 NEW Dolau to Knighton** via Cross Dyke, Black Mixen to the summit of Llan-fawr then Offa's Dyke Path to Knighton. Leaders Michael Guest and Mike Downward. (16 miles strenuous). Depart Shrewsbury 0905, return Knighton 2116. Book to and alight Dolau.
- 2 Llandrindod Wells to Dolau** via Alpine Bridge, Penybont and Rhos-Swydd. Leaders Ray and Jean Trend. (7 miles moderate). Depart Shrewsbury 0905, return Dolau 1550. Book to Llandrindod Wells.

Wednesday 12 September

Broome circular via Aston-on-Clun, Clunton and Clunbury. Leader Andrew Davies (12.5 miles moderate). Depart Shrewsbury 0905, return from Broome (request stop) 1629.

Saturday 6 October

- 1 Llangynllo to Newtown** via Felindre and Kerry Hill. Leaders David Downes and Anne Williams (15 miles strenuous). Book single ticket to Llangynllo (request stop) and single ticket from Newtown. Depart Shrewsbury 0928, return from Newtown 1840.
- 2 Llangynllo to Knighton** via Glyndwr's Way (8 miles undulating). Leaders Rex and Mary Simpson. Book to Llangynllo (request stop). Depart Shrewsbury 0905, return from Knighton 1615.

Wednesday 17 October

Hopton Heath to Knighton via Hopton Castle, Hopton Titterhill, and Stowe Church. Leaders Marion Law and Jim Redshaw (10 miles energetic). Book to Knighton, alight at Hopton Heath (request stop). Depart Shrewsbury 0905, return from Knighton 1615.

Saturday 3 November

Knucklas to Knighton via Lower Hall farm, Upper Heath, Fountain Head and racecourse. Leaders Peter James and Anne Williams (12 miles energetic). Book to and alight at Knucklas (request stop). Depart Shrewsbury 0905, return from Knighton 1615

Llanbister Road to Dolau via St. Michael's Pool and Llanfihangel Rhydithon. Leaders Derek Shuker and Bernard Williams (7 miles moderate). Book to Dolau, alight at Llanbister Road (request stop). Depart Shrewsbury 0905, return from Dolau,(request stop) 1551.

Saturday 1 December

1 Knighton to Bucknell via Offa's Dyke Path, Llanwen Hill and Brampton Bryan Park. Leaders Brian and Jenny Jones (11 miles moderate). Depart Shrewsbury 0905, return from Bucknell 1621.

2 Knighton circular via Stowe Hill, Five Turnings and Offa's Dyke Path. Leaders David Downes and Doug Billingsley (8 miles moderate). Depart Shrewsbury 0905, return from Knighton 1615.



Surrounded by dense undergrowth two walkers pose for the camera at Cynghordy Station, before setting off for a morning walk to Llandoverly.

COMMUNITY RAIL DAY AND FREE TRAVEL CELEBRATIONS AT LLANWRTYD

What have full trains on the Heart of Wales Line, the Llanwrtyd School Band, an innovative caterer, a jazz band and a flautist got in common?

They were all part of a special event at Llanwrtyd station last Saturday, 26th May. Held by the Heart of Wales Line Forum, it was to celebrate Community Rail Day and the first week of free travel on the line for bus pass holders.

Despite blustery weather, there was a fine turnout from the folk of Llanwrtyd, including the new Lady Mayor. The trains in each direction were specially strengthened and well patronised.

Free crepes filled with fresh fruit were supplied to travellers and locals by the 'Fabulous Funky Field Kitchen' recently launched by Penybont local man Dick Taylor.

'We're thrilled that the local community and Arriva Trains Wales have pitched in so enthusiastically', said Forum Development Officer David Edwards. "The free travel scheme is a great boost for Community lines like ours. It means that we can help build tourism in these attractive but isolated parts of Wales. It also helps local people access city attractions'.

The Forum, and Llanwrtyd, are already planning a bigger event for Community Rail Day in 2008.

HOWLTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- Date: Saturday, 15th September, 2007
- Venue: Belle Vue Hotel, LLANWRTYD WELLS. (Meals should be available, book before start of meeting).
- Time: Commencing 11.30 a.m. - It will be over by 3 p.m. latest to ensure connections with the up and down afternoon trains.

**PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND, AS IT IS VERY
IMPORTANT TO HAVE INPUT FROM OUR MEMBERS.**

HEART OF WALES LINE BRANDING GETS BOOST FROM ARTS COLLEGE

Arriva Trains Wales, the Heart of Wales Line Forum and Swansea Institute Faculty of Art and design have collaborated on a project to liven up the image of our line at key stations.

Students entered a design competition to come up with images suitable for the platform entrances at Swansea, and other locations. To get an understanding of the line, they travelled on it, and studied existing promotional material and the website.

The entries were excitingly varied. As might be expected they featured daffodils, rolling hills and streams, country towns, Welsh dragons and a host of other colourful design elements.

The winners, whose work is now being translated into a form suitable for station entrance and platform signs, were third year student Fran Williams, and second year Amey Ward. We'll soon see their work enlivening - and conjuring up images of the Heart of Wales Line - at Swansea, Llanelli and Shrewsbury stations.



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SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR HOWLTA

£4 ... Individual membership

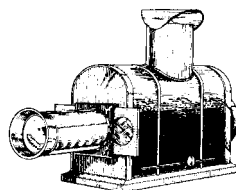
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Renewal date is 1st March each year. (50% discount if joining after 1st September)

HOWLTA SLIDE SHOWS

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or phone via a committee member to fix up a mutually convenient mid-week evening.



Double Vision - The top picture shows two black 5's on a steam excursion in April 2007, and the bottom shows two x Class 37's on a diesel excursion in May 2007.



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