

Excursion to Bridgnorth

Sunday 11th October 2015

Bookings are invited for the Special Train on Sunday I I th October from Kidderminster to Bridgnorth and back. This celebrates the launch into service of Collett Open Excursion Brake 650 to join centenarian Churchward Toplight Third 3930 and our saloons to form an excursion train on the Severn Valley Railway. Built in 1940 at Swindon, it has proved to be one of the Association's most rewarding restorations so far. Originally it was just a carriage body used as a Boys' Club dormitory since withdrawal.

Departure from Kidderminster (SVR) will be at 11.15am. The train will proceed to Bridgnorth where, after a 45 minute turn-round (we hope to arrange a visit to the shed/works for those who wish to), we will head back to Highley arriving at 13.25 for a 2½ hour break. There will be time for a visit to The Engine House (entry included in ticket price) to see the SVR's 50th Exhibition and a run past. If you require lunch we are arranging sittings at The Ship Inn (carvery with a selection of four roast meats with vegetables and extra course option) and The Flag & Whistle Café (roast beef carvery with vegetables) at The Engine House. The train will halt at Bewdley for one hour for the official 'toasting' of 650 and 3930 plus viewing of 6045 before we are due back at Kidderminster at 17.30. The service should be formed of Great Western (SVR) Association stock including 650 and 3930 and be hauled by a Great Western engine (4566 requested). Any surplus funds made will go towards restoration of Composite 6045.

If you would like to join us the fare is only £15 with concessions (over 65 or under 16) at £12. Please complete the return slip below with cheques payable to GW (SVR) Association and an SAE.

Please return to Rob Massey at 9 Shandon Close, Harborne, Birmingham B32 3XB

Meals to be paid for at the venue on the day. In the event of demand for lunch places exceeding availability, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

☐ No lunches required

Child's meal (£5 inc. ice cream)