SHROPSHIRE RAILWAY SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS OUTING 2024 – "ESCAPE THE TURKEY"

A FESTIVE SEASON VISIT TO THE DEE VALLEY

This year, join us on a day out in Denbighshire on Saturday 28 December, where we intend to have a visit to the Llangollen Railway which is operating steam hauled "mince pie" trains to Corwen, the section of line from Carrog having been re-opened since the last SRS visit.

We will travel by train from Shrewsbury station using the 0827 train along the Marches route to Ruabon, from where we will travel by local bus (either the T3 Barmouth service or the 5 Wrexham-Llangollen service) to Llangollen, arriving at about 0940, where we will be able to look around the station, and watch the 1000 train to Corwen depart, and perhaps have a coffee in the station buffet.

We have been able to arrange for our group to then have a tour of the railway's motive power facilities, lasting about one hour, after which there will be time for a quick lunch snack in the buffet, before we board the 1230 "mince pie" train to Corwen, for a return journey.

The price of the train ticket includes a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine, and we get back at about 1430, after which we will retrace our outward journey via Ruabon by bus and train, with arrival at Shrewsbury scheduled at 1621.

The return train fare from Shrewsbury to Ruabon is £12.90 (£8.55 with a Railcard), and the bus fare from Ruabon to Llangollen and return is £7 (£4.70 if you have an English bus pass); the ticket on the Llangollen Railway is £25, and whilst we understand there is no charge for the depot visit, anyone who wishes to make a donation in appreciation of the special arrangement made for our group is of course free to do so.

If you are interested in joining the Society on what should be an interesting and enjoyable Xmas outing, please advise Lionel Price at outings@saloprailsoc.org.uk or call 01691 654488 or 07786 165101 (message may be left), giving your name and membership number.

It will be necessary for indications of interest to be made by very early December, as we need to advise the railway of our group size in good time (in order to ensure we have seats); payment for your ticket can be made at either of the November Society meetings in cash or by cheque, or by cheque sent by post, and if you wish to send a cheque in the post, please indicate accordingly when registering your interest.

Although the outing is by public transport, anyone who wishes to join the group at Llangollen having travelled there by road may of course do that, and advice as to parking in Llangollen will be offered, but if you do intend to come by car, please indicate when booking.

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