SHROPSHIRE RAILWAY SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS OUTING 2026 – "ESCAPE THE TURKEY"

A FESTIVE SEASON VISIT TO A MID-WALES GEM

This year, join us on a day out on the mid-Wales coast on **Tuesday 29 December,** when we intend to have a visit to the Talyllyn Railway which is operating steam hauled trains in the period between Christmas and New Year.

Our venue will need no introduction to most members, which is celebrating 75 years of preserved operation this year; the line is always beautifully presented, with its immaculately turned out 2' 3" gauge steam locomotives and coaches, pretty stations and pleasant scenery.

SRS is offering this outing for travel either by train from Shrewsbury to Tywyn on the Cambrian Coast line, from where the Talyllyn station is a short walk, or by car.

Those participants travelling by train will use the 0726 train from Shrewsbury along the Cambrian main line to Machynlleth, where we change for Tywyn, arriving at 0923, and returning from Tywyn at 1526, to arrive at Shrewsbury at 1720, again with a change at Machynlleth.

The return fare is £26.90 (with a railcard £17.90).

If you prefer to travel to Tywyn by car, you should allow about two hours for the journey, either via Newtown or Dinas Mawddwy.

Once arrived at Tywyn Wharf, there will be ample opportunity for a mid-morning snack in the railway's King's Cafe and a visit to the adjoining Narrow Gauge Railway Museum (free to enter but donations always appreciated , and probably the best of its kind in the UK) before we take up our pre-booked places on the 1220 train to Nant Gwernol and return, getting back to Tywyn at 1455; as many members will know, the schedule of the train includes a stop at Abergynolwyn on the return journey long enough to take a lunchtime snack in the "Quarrymans Caban" cafe there.

The Talyllyn Railway fare for a "ride all day" ticket is £26.30, but if our group numbers more than 15, we may be able to get a small discount on the "per person" fare.

In addition, SRS has made a request that our group be given an opportunity to have a look around the railway's locomotive shed and workshop at Tywyn Pendre, and if that is granted, we would make that visit in the late morning, and further details of the timings for that would follow, together with details of any charge made by the railway for that visit.

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 appropriate tickets and seats); payment for your Talyllyn 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.

In addition, if you intend to come by car, please indicate when booking, and tick the appropriate box on the booking list if you would like to take part in a shed visit (subject to agreement by the railway, as mentioned above.)

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