



Welshpool Llanfair Light Railway Recollections

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Silver Link Publishing Ltd, United Kingdom, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 238 x 169 mm. Language: N/A. Brand New Book. The WLLR opened in 1903 to link the rural community of Llanfair Caereinion with the historic market town of Welshpool. A 2ft. 6in. gauge light railway had been chosen to keep the costs of construction much lower than those associated with a standard gauge line. Furthermore, it was more suitable for the tight curves and steep gradients of the route and allowed the line to follow the contours of the countryside. Passenger services struggled to operate economically from day one and only lasted until 1931. However this sturdy little railway continued to help the communities of the Banwy Valley transport their goods, sheep and cattle to market until competition from the motor lorry won out and goods services ceased in November 1956. The preservation movement, although in its infancy, had already taken steps to preserve the Talylyn Railway and an equally ambitious band of WLLR enthusiasts embarked on saving their own local line. Their efforts were rewarded when the 1962 formed Welshpool Llanfair Light Railway Preservation Society reopened the first section of railway from Llanfair Caereinion as far as Castle...



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