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The Railway News ... - 1869

A Steam Engine Pilgrimage - Anthony Burton
2017-02-28

Anthony Burton has traveled from the Highlands of Scotland, to the south west of England in pursuit of his passion for the steam engine in all

its different forms. He has traveled on narrow gauge railways in Wales and enjoyed the splendor of main line journeys behind some of the grandest locomotives ever built. He has shoveled coal into the boiler of an old Clyde Puffer, while steaming down Scotlands west coast, and luxuriated in the elegance of a

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Windermere steam launch. He has marveled at the magnificence of the great Victorian pumping engines and their elaborately decorated engine houses and spends time every year helping to oil and polish an old mill engine to get it ready to receive visitors. He has reveled in the fun of the steam fair and shared a ride in a replica of Richard Trevithicks extraordinary steam carriage with a direct descendant of the great engineer. All these experiences and more are brought together in this lively narrative, in which the author shares his own sense of excitement and places each visit within its historical context. Above all, this book is a tribute to all those anonymous volunteers whose hard work and dedication have kept this great tradition alive.

Narrow Gauge Railways in Mid-Wales - James I. C. Boyd 1965

Jimmy the Hand, boy thief of Krondor, was a pickpocket with potential-- until the day he met Prince Arutha, and ran afoul of Black Guy's

secret police. His youthful bravado and courage will plunge him deep into the maw of chaos and perhaps even death.

Bibliotheca Celtica - 1919

The Vale of Rheidol Railway - Peter Johnson
2020-04-30

Built to carry minerals from mines in the Rheidol valley, the 2ft gauge Vale of Rheidol Railway found its niche carrying tourists to the tourist attraction at Devil's Bridge, 12 miles inland from the Cardigan coast resort of Aberystwyth. Taken over by the Cambrian Railways and then the Great Western Railway, it became the last steam railway operated by British Rail. In 1989 it became the first part of the national network to be privatized. Now under the control of a charitable trust it is undergoing a revival that will see it become one of the leading tourist attractions in Mid-Wales.

Gricing - Carl Wilson 2015-07-10

Railways and train spotters Jim, but not as we

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know them. An antidote to bucolic railway rambles, sacred cows served up as mince 'n' tatties. From the railway sublime to the railway as a whole sewer full of snouts - Gricing is not a rose tinted tale written by an old engineman. Poets, vicars, villains, folk songs about runaway trains and railway heroes, the 6.05 special, railway children, smoke at 1000 a puff, the Maginot line, and Chattanooga Choo-choo, room for them all, and more, in this personal view of the railway and its influence on, culture, language, and modern life. Connections, which ones we make and the ones we don't, trains of thought trundling across the last 200 years of railway landscape, culture, and society - and over 100 lovely photos of engines great and small on the main lines and branch lines of our railway network and heritage railways."

The Bibliography of Museum and Art Gallery Publications and Audio-visual Aids in Great Britain and Ireland, 1979/80 - Michael Roulstone 1980

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The Welsh Academy Encyclopaedia of Wales - Academi Gymreig 2008

This definitive work of reference - which reveals the storied histories of all of the above Welsh exports, as well as everything you need to know about this remarkable, fascinating, and iconoclastic principality - will undoubtedly be one of the most important books published in the history of Wales. Running the gamut of in-depth research and thought-provoking knowledge - from folk heroes to rock stars, ancient bards to Dylan Thomas, and all the men and women in between who have excelled in art, culture, politics, commerce, and sport - this thrilling volume provides easily accessible information on any aspect of Wales and Welsh life, past and present, letting you know why this centuries-old nation enjoys the nickname, "Cool Cymru."-- Publishers description.

[Wales' 1000 Best Heritage Sites](#) - Terry Breverton 2013-08-22

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The British National Bibliography - Arthur James Wells 2002

The Oakwood Library of Railway History - 1954

CORRIS RAILWAY - PETER. JOHNSON 2019

Light Railways in England and Wales - Peter Bosley 1990

Volume three in this series focuses on the basic principles of light pulse compression through chirp generation and compensation inside and outside the laser cavity. Traces the developmental of light railways from before the 1896 Light Railways Act, and places the failure of the subsequent expansion in the context of financial problems of the rail industry as a whole, due most especially to the concurrent rise of motor traffic. Assesses the impact on the remote areas served, and follows the form of transportation to its terminal decline between

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the wars. For historians and rail buffs. Distributed by St. Martin's. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR Writings on British History - 1970

The Corris Railway - Peter Johnson 2019-10-30
An extensively illustrated history of this Welsh railway—and the effort to restore it. One of Wales' oldest narrow gauge railways, the 2ft 3in gauge Corris Railway was built to carry slate from several quarries in the Dulas valley to wharves on the river Dyfi. At first forbidden to use steam locomotives or to carry passengers, it overcame these obstacles and became an essential part of the community that it served. It was also a forerunner in encouraging tourists, offering inclusive tours to nearby Tallylyn, with passengers traveling on the train and on railway-operated road services. Taken over by the Great Western Railway in 1930, the railway was closed by British Railways in 1948, apparently for good. Fortunately, the last two steam locomotives and

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some rolling stock was saved by the nearby Talylyn Railway, where it played an essential role in that railway's preservation. Eventually, the thoughts of enthusiasts turned to reviving the Corris Railway, and, after many twists and turns, the first passengers were carried on a short section in 2002. In this book, historian Peter Johnson has delved into many sources to uncover the intricacies of the railway's origins, development, operation, and revival.

A Bibliography of British Railway History - 1983

Festiniog Railway: The Spooner Era and After, 1830-1920 - Peter Johnson 2017-04-30
Festiniog Railway 1836-2014 describes the history of the world's first steam-operated narrow gauge railway to carry passengers. It covers the history of the railway from its beginnings as a horse-worked tramroad in 1836, through its technical developments with the introduction of steam locomotives, Fairlie

articulated locomotives and bogie carriages through its twentieth-century decline, to closure in 1946, and then to the preservation era and its development as a major twenty-first-century tourist attraction. Built to serve the extensive slate industry in the Ffestiniog area of North Wales by carrying slate from the quarries to the port at Porthmadog, from 1865 the railway also operated a passenger service to serve the local community, which also attracted tourists. Closed in 1946 the railway was revived in stages from 1955, when a prolonged compensation claim was mounted against a major state-owned company for land taken to build a power station. Volunteers from all over the world came together to restore and operate this important piece of world industrial heritage, including the construction of the 2 mile deviation needed to bypass the power station. Services were resumed between Porthmadog and Blaenau Ffestiniog in 1982. The Festiniog Railway runs through some of the most beautiful countryside

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in North Wales, with spectacular views of mountains and lakes. The railway also has a very impressive collection of modern and historic motive power and rolling stock. It is one of the most successful tourist attractions in Wales and is one of the most important industrial history sites in the world.

The Railway Magazine - 2002

The Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway - Peter Johnson 2020-10-19

Unusually among Welsh narrow-gauge railways, the 2ft 6in gauge Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway was built to benefit agriculture, not minerals. After several failed attempts to connect the market town at Welshpool with the rural community around Llanfair Caereinion, the 1896 Light Railways Act paved the way for the railway which opened in 1902. Operated by the Cambrian Railways and then by the Great Western Railway it became the only narrow-gauge steam railway catering for goods traffic

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under the auspices of British Railways. Sadly, it was closed in 1956 but enthusiasts ensured its revival, which started in 1963. Overcoming many obstacles, the railway is now run by a charitable trust and is a leading volunteer-operated tourist attraction in Montgomeryshire.

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The Light Railways of Britain and Ireland -

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Anthony Burton 2015-11-30

First published in 1985 by Moorland Press, The Light Railways of Britain & Ireland has remained unavailable for more than twenty-five years, until now. Re-released by Pen & Sword, this is a thorough and engaging book that covers, in depth, the fascinating story of Britain's last railway development, the Rural light railways, constructed as a result of the Light Railways Act 1896. Rigorously detailed, it charts the overall history of the last great railway boom in Britain the light railway boom from 1896, to the beginning of the Great War in 1914. During this period a large number of narrow and standard gauge lines were constructed in both Britain and Ireland, in order to serve and open up areas in both countries that, at the time, lacked adequate transport links. This book tells the story of how these lines were constructed and why, in most cases, they eventually failed, due to post-First World War road competition. Authored by two highly acclaimed writers of transport history,

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this is a true testament to, and a timely reminder of, Britain's last railway development.

Ottley's Bibliography of British Railway History. Second Supplement 12957-19605 - 1998

The Snowdon Mountain Railway - Peter Johnson 2021-12-30

The Snowdon Mountain Railway is one of the great narrow gauge railways of North Wales, with thousands of visitors travelling to the summit of Mount Snowdon along the line each year. This book covers the history of this historic and interesting line from its beginnings in the 1890s through to the present day. The author Peter Johnson has been writing about narrow gauge railways for many years and has a deep knowledge of the lines in North and Mid Wales. The Snowdon Mountain Railway is an important part of the tourist industry in North Wales and plays a vital part in providing transport in this popular and much visited area. This volume

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looks at the narrow gauge railway's history and development, taking in the present and future development of this fascinating line's operation.

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Railways: a Readers Guide - Eric Thomas Bryant 1968

Cambrian Railways: a New History - Peter Johnson 2013-06-06

Based upon detailed new research in both Welsh and English archives, Peter Johnson provides a comprehensive illustrated history of the Cambrian Railways - one of the most popular of the pre-Grouping railway companies.

Marshall's Book of Railways - Charles Edward Waller 1961

Populäre Eisenbahnliteratur.

A Pictorial and Descriptive Guide to North Wales (southern Section) ... - Ward, Lock and Company, Ltd 1912

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Learn with Thomas - Christopher Awdry 1993
Thomas the Tank Engine and friends in a story which encourages early learning skills.

Festiniog Railway: From Slate Railway to Heritage Operation, 1921-2014 - Peter Johnson 2017-10-30

Opened in 1836 as a horse tramway using gravity to carry slate from Blaenau Ffestiniog to Porthmadog, by the 1920s the Festiniog Railway had left its years of technical innovation and high profits long behind. After the First World War, the railways path led inexorably to closure, to passengers in 1939 and goods in 1946. After years of abandonment, visionary enthusiasts found a way to take control of the railway and starting its restoration in 1955. Not only did they have to fight the undergrowth, they also had to fight a state-owned utility which had appropriated a part of the route. All problems were eventually overcome and a 2 mile deviation saw services restored to Blaenau Ffestiniog in 1982. Along the way, the railway found its old

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entrepreneurial magic, building new steam locomotives and carriages, and rebuilding the Welsh highland Railway, to become a leading 21st century tourist attraction. Historian Peter Johnson, well known for his books on Welsh railways, has delved into the archives and previously untapped sources to produce this new history, a must-read for enthusiasts and visitors alike. The Festiniog Railways pre-1921 history is covered in Peter Johnson's book, *Festiniog Railway the Spooner era and after 1830-1920*, also published by Pen & Sword Transport. [Narrow Gauge Album](#) - Patrick Bruce Whitehouse 1959

The World's First Railway System - Mark Casson 2009-09-10

The British railway network was a monument to Victorian private enterprise. Its masterpieces of civil engineering were emulated around the world. But its performance was controversial: praised for promoting a high density of lines, it

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was also criticised for wasteful duplication of routes. This is the first history of the British railway system written from a modern economic perspective. It uses counterfactual analysis to construct an alternative network to represent the most efficient alternative rail network that could have been constructed given what was known at the time - the first time this has been done. It reveals how weaknesses in regulation and defects in government policy resulted in enormous inefficiency in the Victorian system that Britain lives with today. British railway companies developed into powerful regional monopolies, which then contested each other's territories. When denied access to existing lines in rival territories, they built duplicate lines instead. Plans for an integrated national system, sponsored by William Gladstone, were blocked by Members of Parliament because of a perceived conflict with the local interests they represented. Each town wanted more railways than its neighbours, and so too many lines were

built. The costs of these surplus lines led ultimately to higher fares and freight charges, which impaired the performance of the economy. The book will be the definitive source of reference for those interested in the economic history of the British railway system. It makes use of a major new historical source, deposited railway plans, integrates transport and local history through its regional analysis of the railway system, and provides a comprehensive, classified bibliography.

The Rough Guide to Wales - Paul Whitfield
2012-01-01

Suggests lodging, food, and sightseeing highlights along with travel tips and cultural information.

The Story of Montgomeryshire - John Elias Roberts 1916

[Writings on British History](#) - Royal Historical Society (Great Britain) 1970

Thomas Story Treasury - Wilbert Awdry 1999

Rebuilding the Welsh Highland Railway - Peter Johnson 2018-08-30

THE REVIVAL AND RESTORATION of the Welsh Highland Railway is one of the greatest heritage railway achievements of the 21st Century, yet its success followed more than one hundred years of failure. Supported by public loans, its first incarnation combined the moribund North Wales Narrow Gauge Railways, some of the abandoned works of the Portmadoc, Beddgelert & South Snowdon Railway and part of the horse-worked Croesor Tramway. Opened in 1923, it was closed in 1937 and the track was lifted in 1941. Serious talk of revival started in the 1960s but restoration did not start until 1997, with the neighbouring Ffestiniog Railway at the helm, supported by generous donors and benefactors, the Millennium Commission, the Welsh Government and teams of enthusiastic volunteers. Author Peter Johnson steers a course

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through the railways complicated pre-history before describing the events, including a court hearing, three public inquiries and a great deal of controversy, leading to the start of services between Caernarfon and Porthmadog in 2011. A postscript describes post-completion developments.

Narrow Gauge Locomotives - Anthony Coulls 2018-04-15

Britain's narrow gauge railways are host to some of the oldest, most charming, varied and extraordinary locomotives to be found anywhere. This book is a fascinating survey of these appealing engines.

An Illustrated History of the Great Western Narrow Gauge - Peter Johnson 2011

Illustrated History of the GWR Narrow Gauge is the latest instalment in the popular 'Illustrated Histories' series covering the Welsh narrow gauge lines. Following on from the huge success of both the 'Welsh highland Railway' and 'Snowdon Mountain Railway', this new addition

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is set to be a hit amongst rail enthusiasts. The GWR owned three of the great narrow gauge railways of Wales: two of these, the Vale of Rheidol and the Welshpool & Llanfair, had been inherited from the Cambrian Railways in 1922 but the third, the Corris was only acquired in 1931 when the GWR was keen to take-over the smaller company's bus routes. All three of the lines have a fascinating history and all are now in whole or in part preserved. The 2ft 3in Corris Railway was originally opened as a horse-operated mineral tramway in 1859. Steam traction was adopted in 1879 and passenger services commenced four years later. Passenger services survived until 1931, the year of the GWR take-over but freight was to survive until 1948 when serious erosion of the trackbed led to its closure. After closure, two of the line's locomotives passed to the Talylyn for preservation but the line itself was demolished. Work started on the partial restoration of the line in the late 1960s and the first demonstration

track was laid in 1971 and work has continued since then. The VoR was opened from Aberystwyth through to Devil's Bridge in 1902; although designed primarily for mineral traffic, it was the tourist trade that kept the line alive and, after 1968, it was the only part of BR to continue to operate steam. Privatised in 1989, it remains open for passenger traffic for its entire length. The 2ft 6in W & LR linked the Cambrian main line at Welshpool, running through the town's streets, to Llanfair Caerinion and opened throughout on 4 April 1903. Passenger services operated until 1931 but the line remained open for freight traffic until 1956. The first section of the preserved line opened in 1963 and the line was progressively extended through to the outskirts of Welshpool, the final extension opening in 1983. More recently there have been tentative plans to relay the line through the town. The book includes descriptive text outlining the history of the narrow gauge lines alongside hundreds of illustrations, many of

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which have never been seen!

The National and English Review - 1954