

TANK LOCOMOTIVES ON WELSH HERITAGE RAILWAYS

HERITAGE RAILWAYS :

Narrow gauge railways in Wales in the 19th century began carrying minerals from the coal and slate mines to the ports in Wales and in others, passengers. These tank locomotives now ferry tourists, on these heritage railways, into the heart of rural Wales.

A 'tank locomotive' or 'tank engine' is a steam locomotive that carries its water in one or more on-board water tanks, instead of a tender.

SCOPE :

Through stamps, covers, and railwayana show the story of the tank locomotives at the heritage and preserved railways in Wales, United Kingdom.

CONTENTS PLAN : Tank locomotives on narrow gauge (heritage) railways in Wales.

RARITY : Several items difficult to acquire.

REFERENCES : Classic British Steam locomotives. - Peter Herring.
Great little trains of Wales - Derek Perkins. The best of the last days of steam. - Colin Maggs



Locomotives 'Prince' and 'Linda' double heading on the Ffestiniog Heritage Railway.

J.Arthur Dixon photographure natural colour postcard.

Corris Heritage Railway. 0-4-0ST & 0-4-2ST

Opened in 1859 Corris Heritage Railway is a narrow gauge railway based in Corris on the border between Merionethshire (now Gwynedd) and Montgomeryshire (now Powys) in Mid-Wales. In 1929, Imperial Tramways sold Corris to the GWR. Passenger services ceased in 1931 but still carried freight until 1948 when it finally closed. Reopened in 2002 as a tourist attraction with new locos.



Crossing Dovey Bridge and Esgairgeiliog station. Corris Railway pre 1930.

Front loco # 4 before going to Talyllyn Railway in 1951 and named '**Edward Thomas**'.

Rear loco # 1 built 1878 as a 0-4-0ST. Rebuilt in 1895 as a 0-4-2ST. Scrapped 1930.

CORRIS RAILWAY SOCIETY REPRODUCTION BLACK AND WHITE SPLIT BACK POSTCARD. PHOTO. PRE 1930.



Loco #7. 0-4-0ST built 2005 for Corris Railway by Winson Engineering. Pictured on loan to Talyllyn Railway.



Loco #3. 0-4-2ST. Built 1878 for Corris Railway. Rebuilt 1927. Purchased by Talyllyn Railway in 1951 and named 'Sir Haydn**'.**

STAMP: UNION ISLAND
GRENADINES OF ST. VINCENT
LOCO 100.
ISSUED: 31.1.86 4th Series

Rheilffordd Llyn Tegid (0-4-0ST) (Bala Lake Railway).

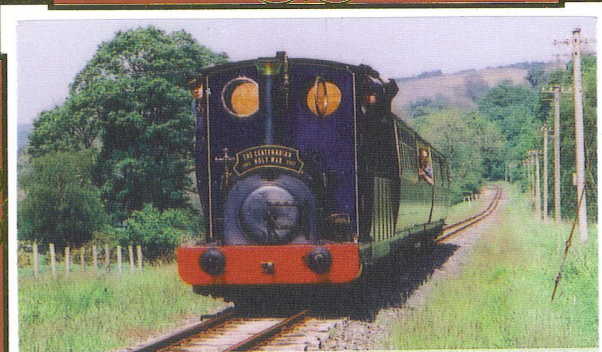
A narrow-gauge heritage railway running along the southern shore of Bala Lake in Gwynedd, North Wales.

'Maid Marian'
Railway letter stamps.

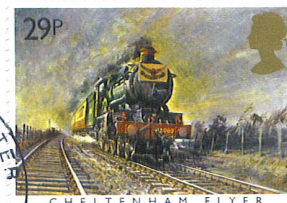


Britain's Preserved Railway Heritage

BICENTENARY OF SELF-POWERED STEAM LOCOMOTION
1804 2004



RHEILFFORDD LLYN TEGID (BALA LAKE RAILWAY)



21 FEB '04



Benham
Folkestone, Kent

'Holy War' (0-4-0ST) built 1902. Arrived at the railway in 1975 after a life in the North Wales slate quarries.

Benham bicentenary railway heritage cover (250 issued) 21.2.04 handstamp over a GB GWR 150th Anniversary 'Famous trains'. 5000 Launceston Castle. Issued 22.1.85

The 7.2km railway opened in August 1868. In 1877 became part of the network operated by Great Western Railway (GWR). Passenger services through Bala Junction ceased in January 1965. The railway reopened in 1972.

'Maid Marian' (0-4-0ST) Built 1903. Arrived at Bala Lake in 1975 after a life in Nth. Wales slate quarries.

E.T.W. Dennis & Co. photocolor split back period postcard.



'Maid Marian' Bala Lake Railway

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Welsh Highland Railway (WHR) 0-4-2T & 0-4-0ST

WHR is a short reconstructed heritage railway in Gwynedd, Wales which ran from 1922-1936.

In the 1960s the original Welsh Highland Railway was reconstructed by Ffestiniog Railway Company and Welsh Highland Railway Ltd. and opened for passengers in 1980.

Main station is in Porthmadog.

'Karen'. (0-4-2T) Built 1942 and train at Porthmadog. 'Image Machine' split back postcard. Photo. A.Lem

First steam engine to haul a passenger train on the WHR. 'Karen' presently stored out of traffic - on display in the shed.



Britain's Preserved Railway Heritage

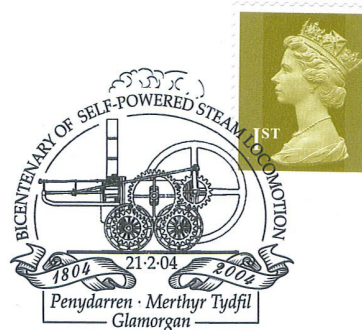
BICENTENARY OF SELF-POWERED STEAM LOCOMOTION

1804

2004



THE WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY



Benham
Folkestone, Kent

'Lilla'(0-4-0ST). Built 1891. Visiting the WHR from Ffestiniog Railway.

Benham bicentenary railway heritage cover (250 issued) 21.2.04 commemorative handstamp over a GB 1st. 2B issued 5.6.02.

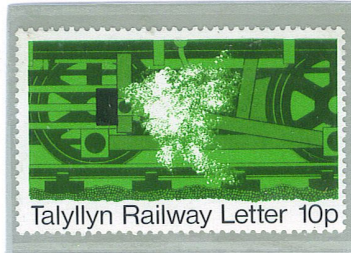
Tallylyn Heritage Railway. 0-4-2ST & 0-4-0WT

Since 1951 the railway has operated as a tourist attraction. In 1976 re-opened the line to Nant Gwernol.

15p/15c
Railway letter stamps
10p/10c

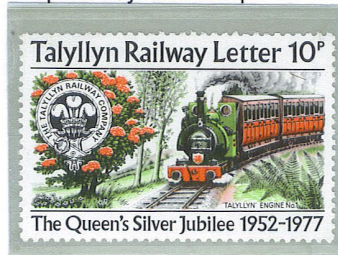
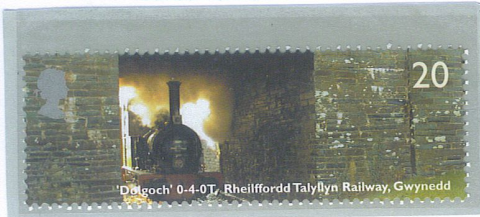


#1 Tallylyn. Kellogg Trading card #10/16. 'Story of the locomotive'

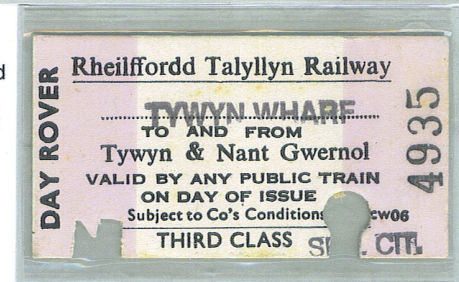


#2 Dolgoch 20p 'Classic Locomotives' Issued 13.1.04

10p Railway letter stamps



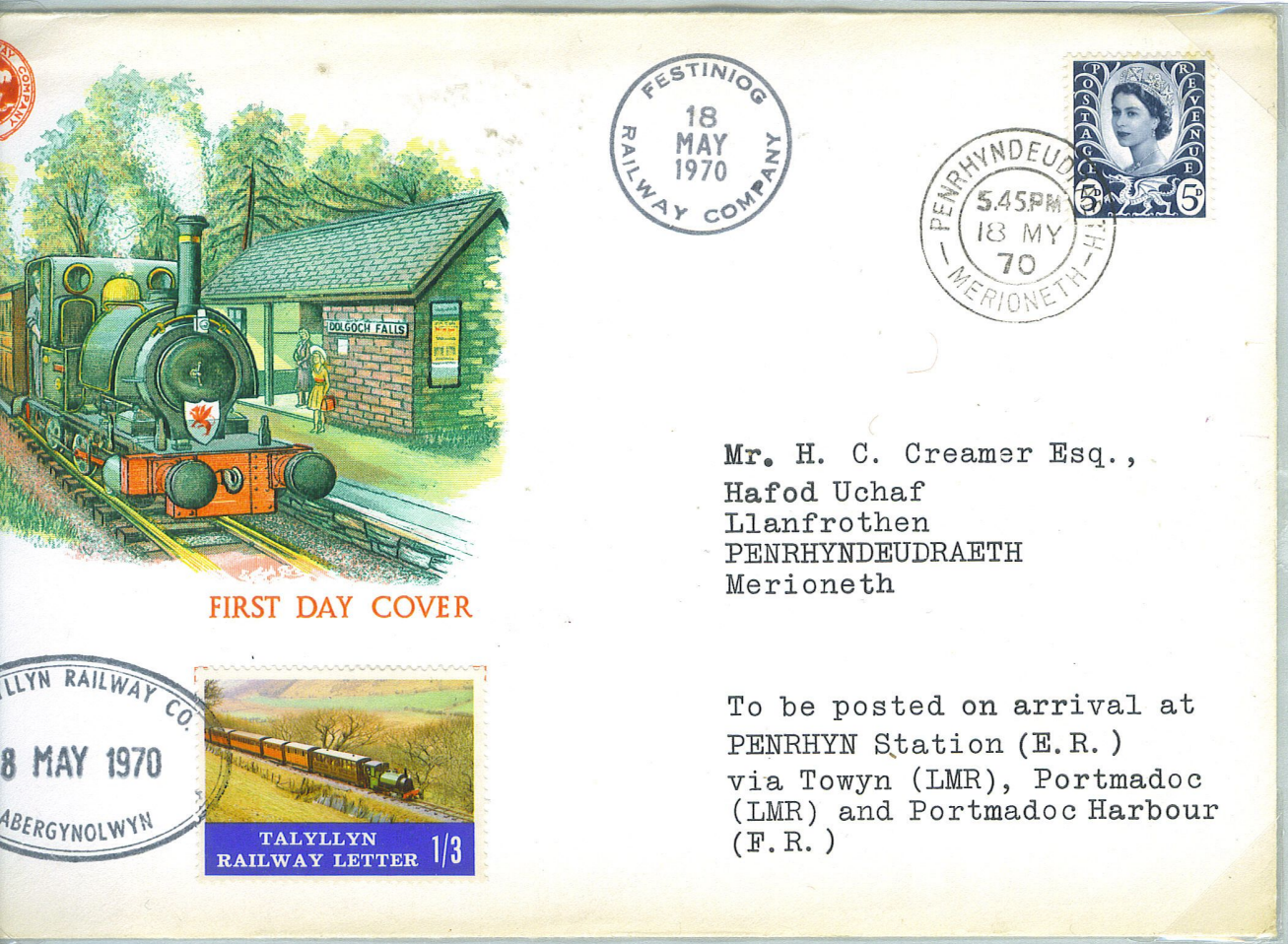
Tallylyn Railway 3rd Class return ticket from Tywyn - Nant Gwernol.



#2 Dolgoch. 0-4-0ST. Built 1865. Second original locomotive like #1 Tallylyn, built without a cab, though one was subsequently added. Scotsman. BR History cover. Celebration of line extension from Nant Gwernol handstamp 22.5.76. Stamp 7p. 150th Ann. of Public Railway. Stephenson's locomotive. Issued 13.8.1975

Tallyllyn Heritage Railway. 0-4-2ST (ST- Saddle Tank)

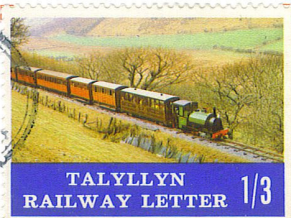
Opened 1865 to carry slate from the quarries at Bryn Eglwys to Tywyn in Wales. Presently a narrow gauge preserved railway running for 12 km from Tywyn on the Mid-Wales coast to Nant Gwernol near the village of Abergynolwyn.



FIRST DAY COVER



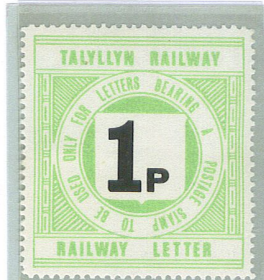
Mr. H. C. Creamer Esq.,
Hafod Uchaf
Llanfrothen
PENRHYNDEUDRAETH
Merioneth



To be posted on arrival at
PENRHYN Station (E.R.)
via Towyn (LMR), Portmadoc
(LMR) and Portmadoc Harbour
(F.R.)

#1 Tallyllyn (0-4-2ST) waiting at Dolgoch Falls Railway Station.

CARRIED FDC WITH LOCOMOTIVE #1 TALLYLLYN AND RAILWAY STATION EMBOSSED ON THE CACHET. FESTINIOG 18.5.70 RAILWAY CO. HANDSTAMP. (Cachet transferred to Tallyllyn Railway at Penrhyn Station) '18 MAY 1970 PENRHYNDEUDRAETH, MERIONETH' DOUBLE RING HAND STAMP. 5d. WELSH REGIONAL STAMP. (ISSUED 4.9.68). TALLYLLYN RAILWAY Co. HAND STAMP OVER A LETTER STAMP 1/3d. TALLYLLYN RAILWAY + LOCO. #1 TALLYLLYN & TRAIN. 'TOWYN L.M.R.' BACKSTAMP.



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TALLYLLYN
RAILWAY
LETTER
STAMPS.



Tallyllyn Railway Series 6. 'Industrial Archaeology'.

G.B. BOOKLET A (SELVEDGE AT LEFT) GBP 1.40 ISSUED: 18.3.81.
CONTAINS STAMPS: MACHINS 10 X 14p. GREY-BLUE. PHOS.PAPER. ISSUED: 14.1.81

Talyllyn Heritage Railway. 0-4-2ST (ST- Saddle Tank)

Three of its six steam locomotives are GWR 0-4-2ST.
 #1 Talyllyn, #3 Sir Haydn, & #4 Edward Thomas.
 Railway never operated or managed by GWR.



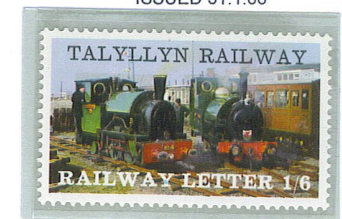
#4 Edward Thomas at Abergynolwyn.
 TALYLLYN RAILWAY MID-WALES SPLIT BACK POST CARD BY JUDGES LTD. HASTINGS



#1 Talyllyn hauls a train from Wharf Station, Towyn to Dolgoch Falls, Abergynolwyn. TALYLLYN RAILWAY MID-WALES SPLIT BACK POST CARD BY JUDGES Ltd. HASTINGS.



#3 Sir Haydn
 STAMPS :
 UNION OF
 GRENADINES
 St VINCENT
 4th. SERIES.
 ISSUED 31.1.86



#1 Talyllyn & #4 Edward Thomas
 1969 1/6d.
 TALYLLYN RAILWAY
 LETTER STAMP.



#1 Talyllyn
 Cab is a later
 addition.
 STAMPS :
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 2nd. SERIES.
 ISSUED :
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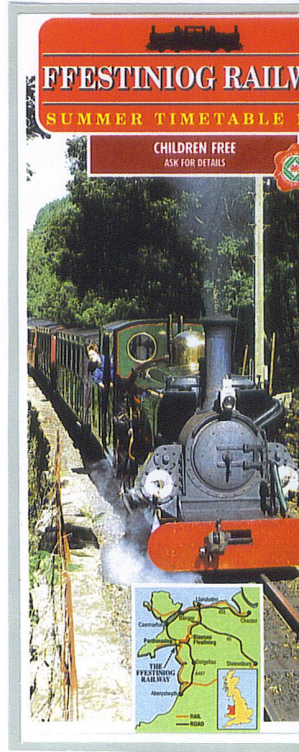
Ffestiniog Heritage Railway. 0-4-2ST (+T)

Ffestiniog Railway is a heritage narrow-gauge railway located in Gwynedd, Wales. Major tourist attraction located within Snowdonia National Park and runs from the harbour at Porthmadog to the slate mining town of Blaenau Ffestiniog.

Railway has eleven operational steam locos.

GB booklet pane. #589 'Blanche' (on the 78p) Classic locos of Wales. Issued: 18.9.2014
 'Blanche' built as a 2-4-0ST in 1893 - 'pony truck' added in 1972.

Two overprinted railway letter stamps (to decimal).



Period 2/4d return ticket

THE FESTINIOG RAILWAY Co.

'LINDA' AT TANY-BWLICH 1982

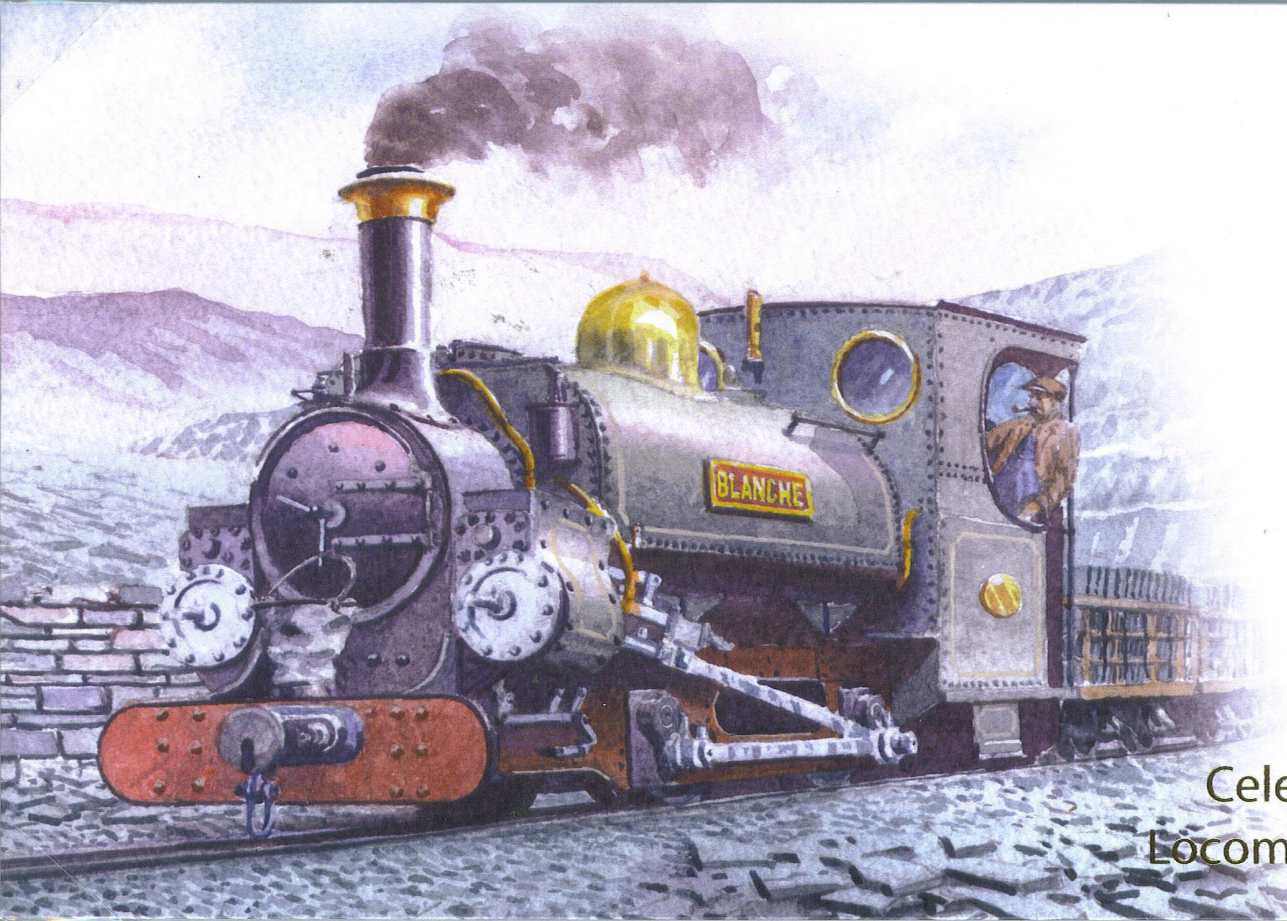
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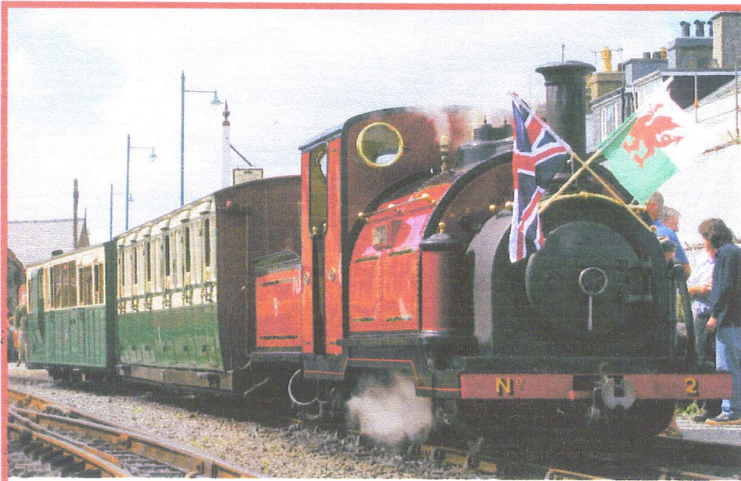
A. HEYWOOD ESQ., 'Mynydd - Dir', Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd, LL48 6NB.

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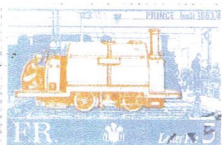
'Linda' a 2-4-0ST+T ('+T' indicates a 'pony truck'.) Commemorative cover (one of 8500). 'Caernarfon, Gwynedd' hand stamp on a Welsh 2B Machin - Issued: 7.12.93. 28th May 1994 is the date of the silver jubilee of the modern railway letter service on the railway. Two railway letter stamps make up the current letter fee of 25p.



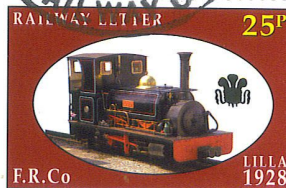
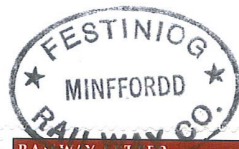
Celebrating Classic Locomotives of Wales



End of "Boiler Ticket" for Prince
 Quirks and Curiosities' 30th April - 3rd May 2010



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 BOSTON LODGE

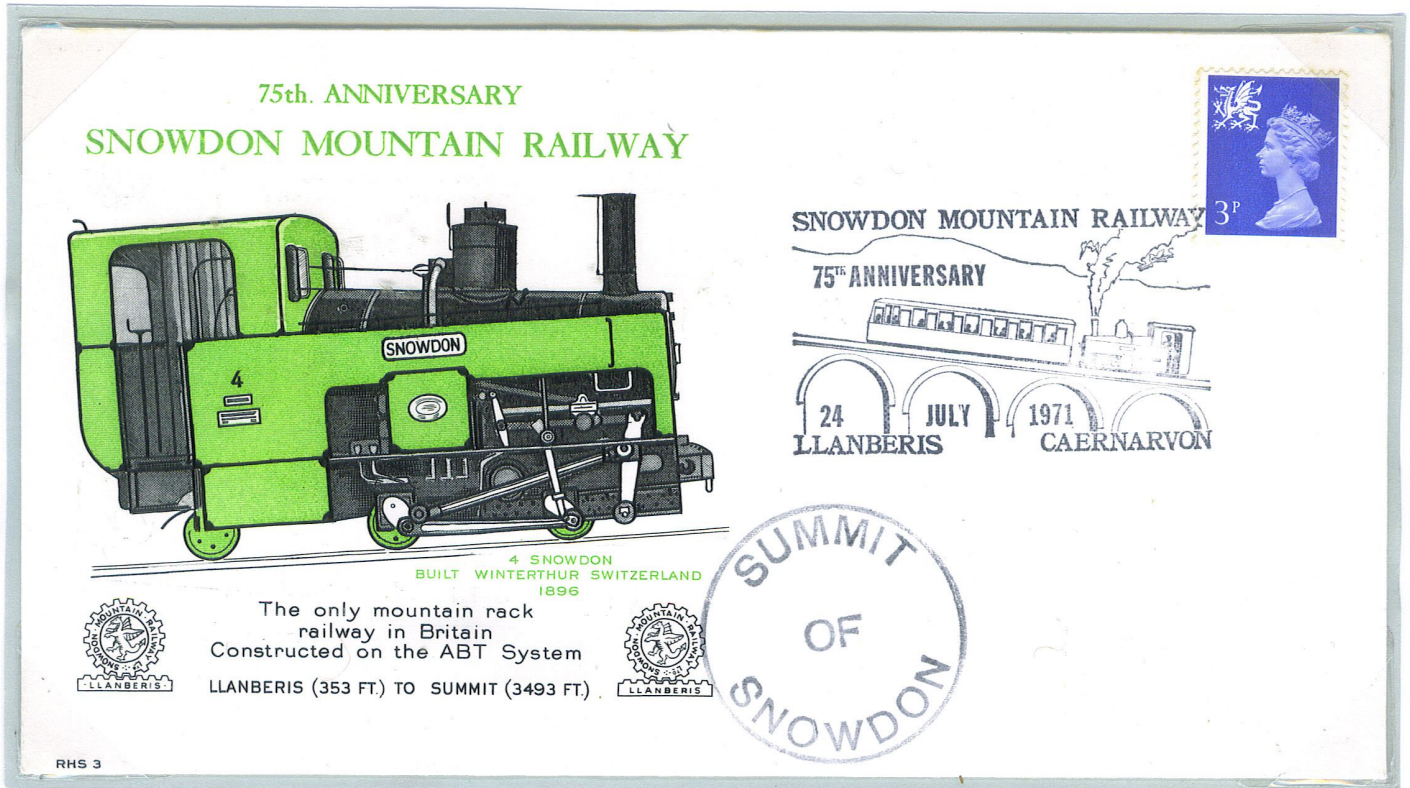


MR & MRS R. SMALLMAN
 THE OLD CUSTOMS HOUSE
 BRITANNIA TERRACE
 PORTHMADOG LL49 9NB

#2 Prince - 0-4-0ST+T - oldest loco on the railway - built 1863.

Stamp: 1st Welsh dragon - Issued 8.6.99. 25p railway letter stamp depicting 'Lilla' operational steam 0-4-0-ST loco built 1891.

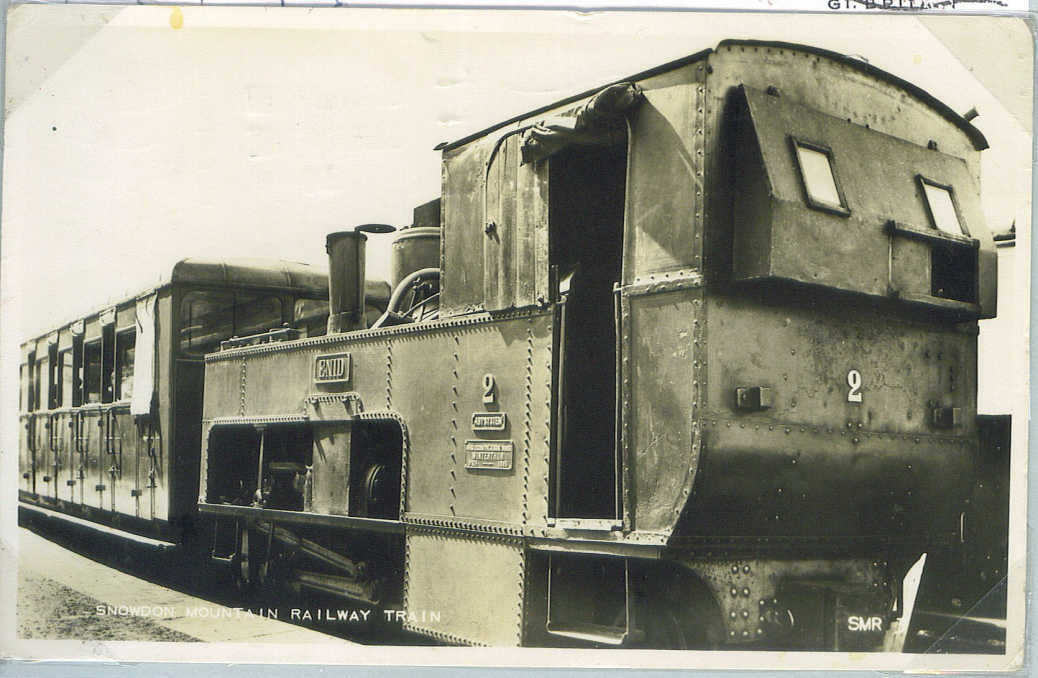
Snowdon Mountain (heritage) Railway 0-4-2RT (RT- rack & pinion)



RHS 3

#4 Snowdon 0-4-2RT. Built 1896. Awaiting overhaul.
 Railway 75th Anniversary cover. Llanberis pictorial handstamp.

Snowdon Mountain Railway
 Tourist mountain 'rack and pinion' narrow gauge railway in Gwynedd; from Llanberis to the summit of Snowdon. Opened 1896, and operated until 1942 - normal service resumed after WW1. Company presently has three operational steam tank locos.



#2 Enid an 0-4-2RT built 1895. Presently out of service.



#4 Snowdon 0-4-2RT.
 'Prescott-pickup Co.' collectors miniature card 'Railway locos'. #23/50.

Photographic period split back postcard. 1958 Llangollen Denbighshire Krag continuous machine cancel.

Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway. 0-6-0T

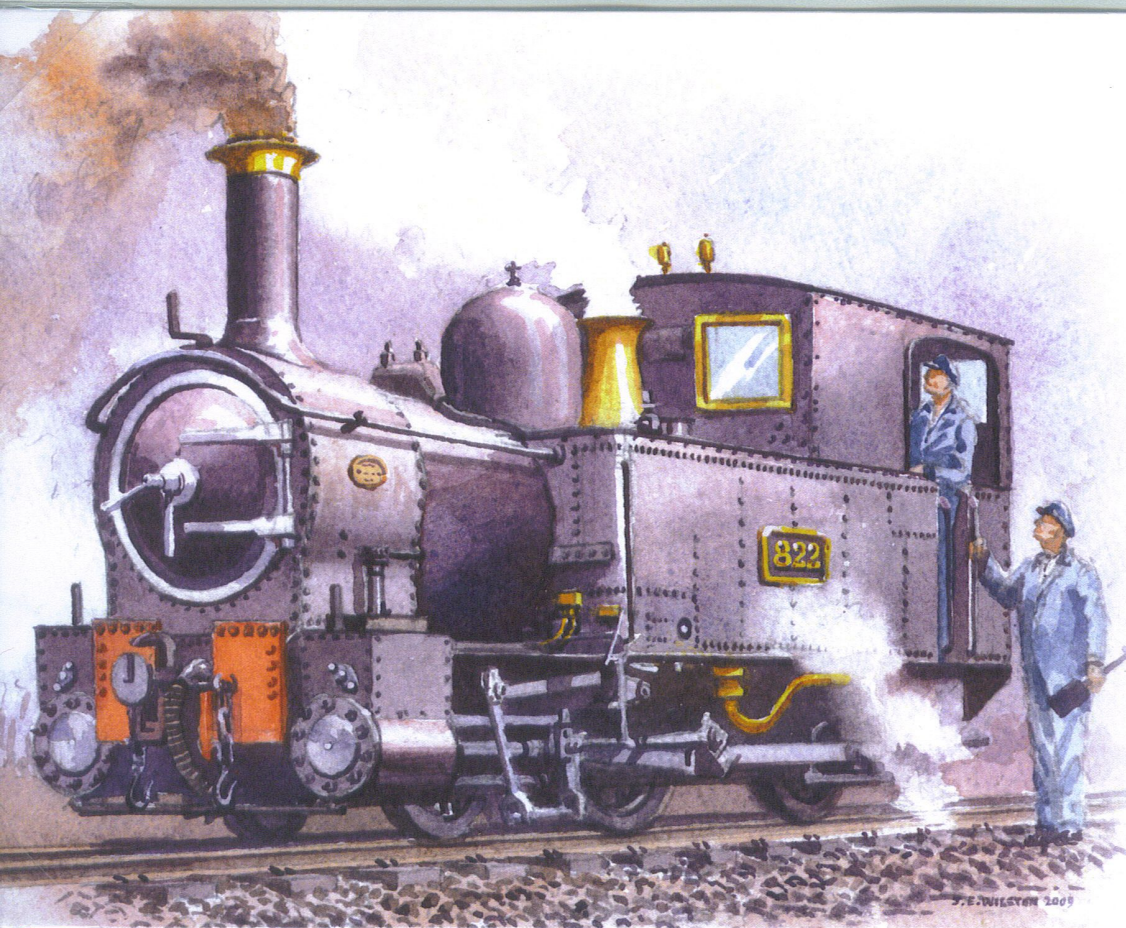
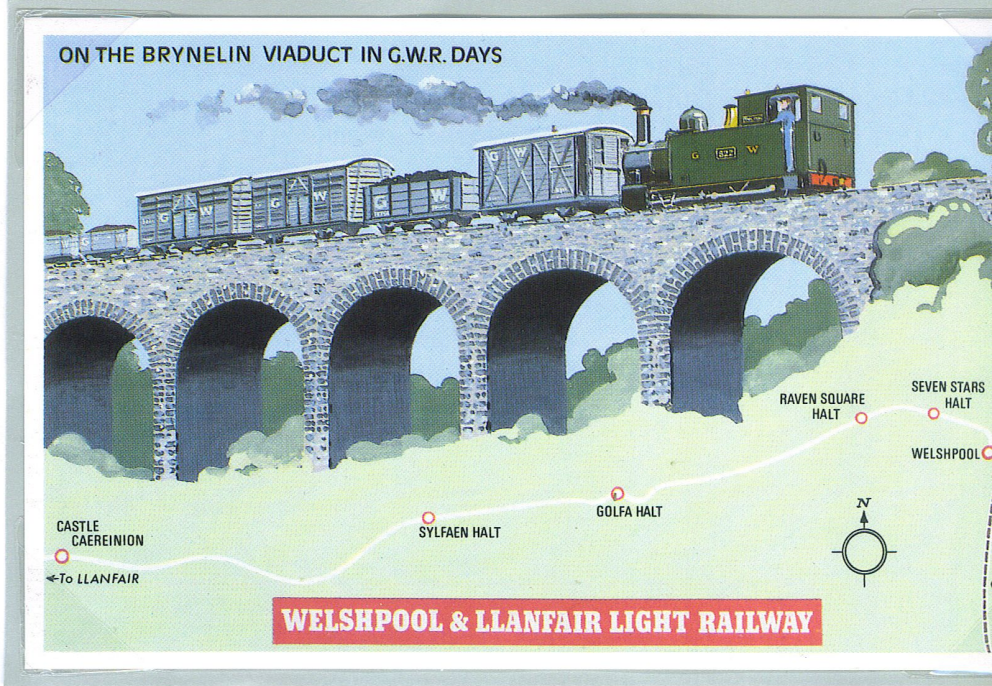
Narrow gauge heritage railway in Powys, Wales opened in 1903 for freight and passengers from Welshpool and Llanfair. In the 1923 grouping the railway absorbed by the GWR.

Both locos. delivered in 1902. Loco #1 became #822 'The Earl' and #2 #823 'The Countess' at 1923 GWR grouping.

#823 'The Countess' Trading card Prescott Pickup & Co. #21/50



#822 'The Earl' on Brynelin Viaduct in the 1930's. Dalkeith Picture split back postcard #596.



Celebrating Classic Locomotives of Wales

#822 'The Earl'

Buckingham cover. 'Celebrating Classic locos of Wales'. Illustration by John Wigston. Stamp. GB 88p #822 'The Earl' Classic Locos of Wales (from mini sheet). Issued 20 Feb 2014. FDI Welshpool hand stamp celebrating 'Classic locomotives' along with a Welsh dragon.

Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway. 0-6-2T & 0-6-0T

In 1931 the line became a freight-only line until closure in 1956. In 1963 the western half of the line, from Llanfair Caereinion to Castle Caereinion, was reopened as a Heritage railway.

Two 10th Anniversary philatelic covers celebrating the reopening of the railway. Both with a Welsh Machin (issued 7. 7.93) and a Welshpool 10th Anniversary predated handstamp. Cachet design. #822 'The Earl' & #823 'The Countess'

GWR Welshpool period luggage label

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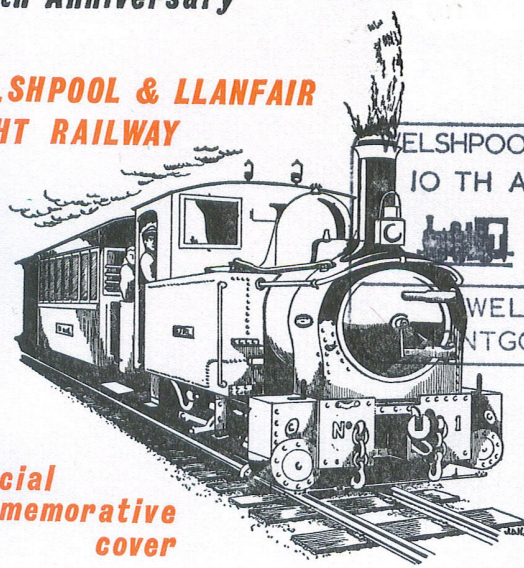
Welshpool

10p Railway letter stamp.
Loco 'Joan'. Built 1927 0-6-2-T
Sent to Antigua. Returned in
2011 to the railway.
Currently on static display.



Tenth Anniversary

WELSHPOOL & LLANFAIR LIGHT RAILWAY

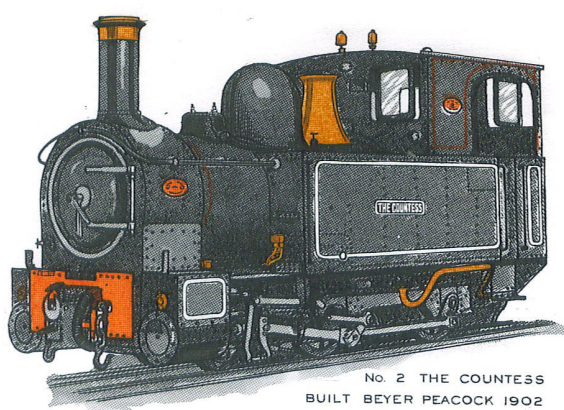


official commemorative cover



WELSHPOOL & LLANFAIR
10 TH ANNIVERSARY
7 APRIL
1973
WELSHPOOL
MONTGOMERYSHIRE

10TH ANNIVERSARY - RE-OPENING
WELSHPOOL & LLANFAIR LIGHT RAILWAY



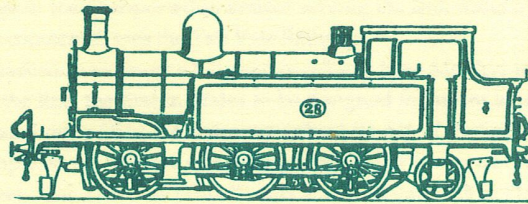
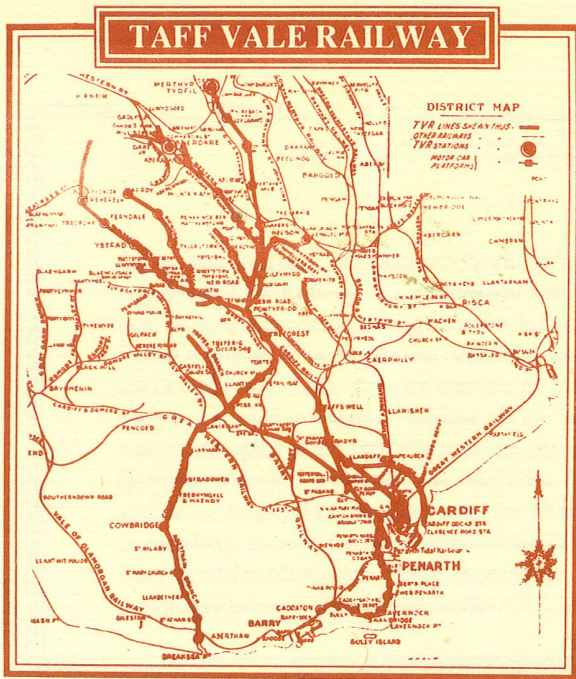
OPENED WELSHPOOL to LLANFAIR CAEREINION 4TH APRIL 1902
CLOSED BY BRITISH RAIL 1956, RE-OPENED 1963



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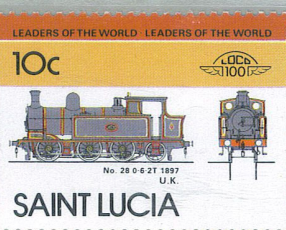
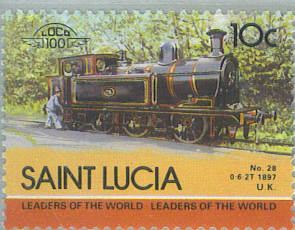
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CARRIED OVER THE T.V.R. VALLEY LINES (B.R.) 1991

Taff Vale Railway 150th Anniversary



Opened in stages from 1840. A standard gauge railway in South Wales, built by the Taff Vale Railway Company to serve the iron and coal industries around Merthyr Tydfil and to connect them with docks in Cardiff. Since 2020 the main routes of the railway are for passengers.

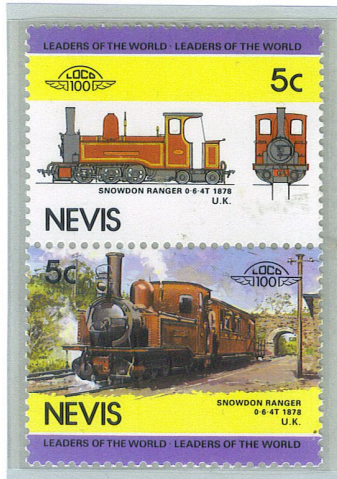
Loco #28 (0-6-2T) shown in stamp and cover remained in service until 1926 when renumbered for war use - WD 205. In 1927 sold to the National Coal Board and eventually back to the Taff Vale Railway.



Post Office
Commemorative Cover



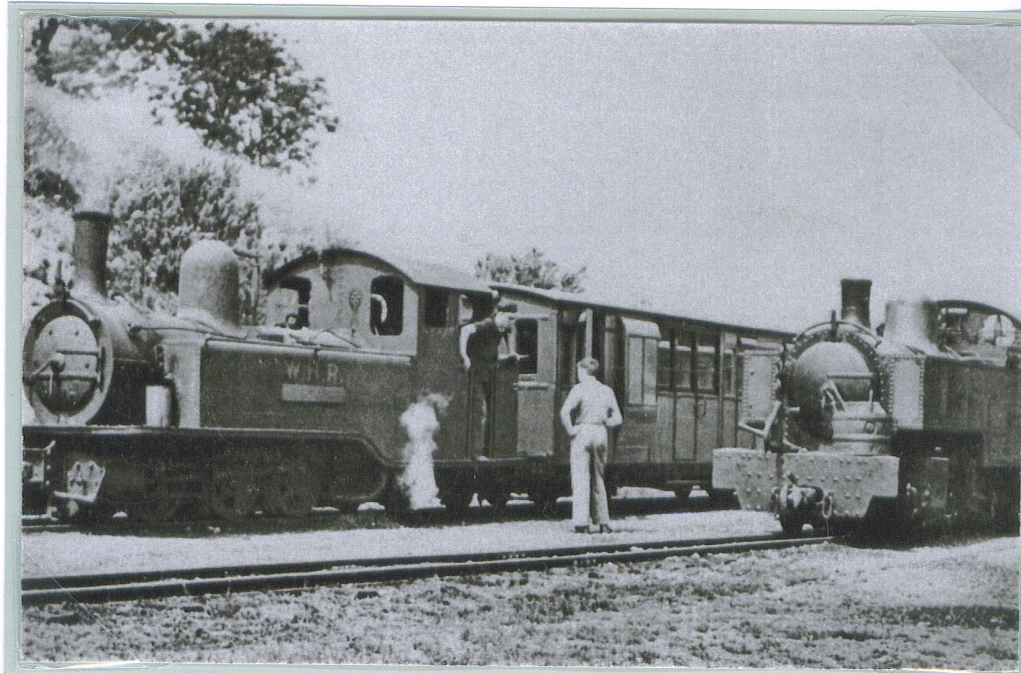
Welsh Highland Railway (WHR) 0-6-4T & 2-6-2T



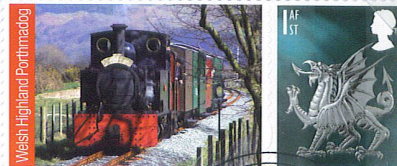
Moel Tryfan. (0-6-4T) Built 1875
 Stamps: Nevis 4th series Low 26.7.85

Moel Tryfan and Russell at Beddgelert in 1935.

Repro. split back postcard by West Highland Railway Group. #6



1980 - 2010
Thirty Years of Service
 WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY



The Great Little Trains of Wales

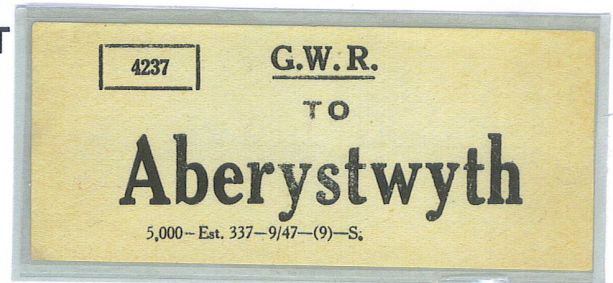


'Russell' at Porthmadog (2-6-2-T) Built 1906. The only loco. to survive from the original WHR.
 Buckingham 30yr. anniversary WHR cover. Stamp: 1st 'Welsh dragon' issued 8.6.99 with a WHR smiler and a 2.8.10 handstamp.

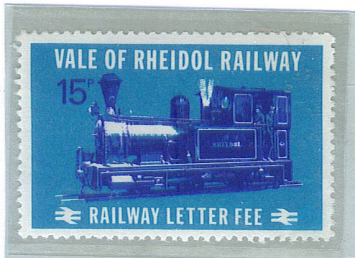
Vale of Rheidol Heritage Light Railway 2-6-2T

In 1922, the railway was grouped into the GWR.
A new station opened next to main standard gauge station in Aberystwyth.

The GWR Rheidol Tanks design built between 1923 and 1924 designed by the railway's Chief Mechanical Engineer Charles Collett.



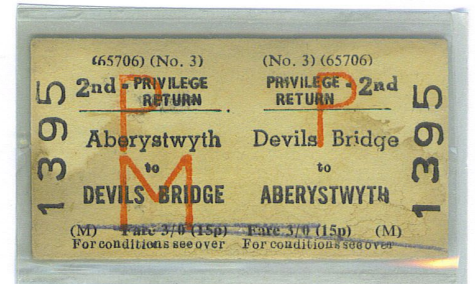
GWR Aberystwyth period luggage label



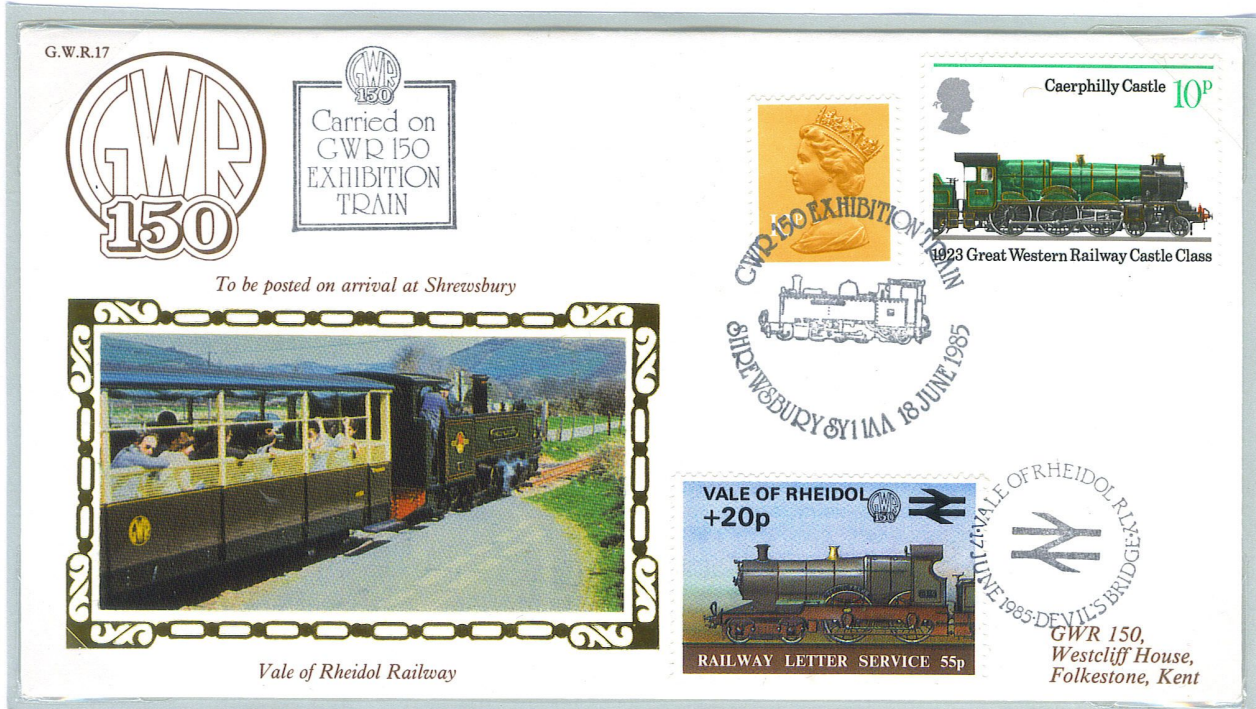
15p. railway letter stamp with #1 Rheidol - withdrawn from traffic in 1924.



Aberystwyth period return rail ticket to Devils Bridge.



Aberystwyth period return rail ticket to Devils Bridge. Privilege 2nd class

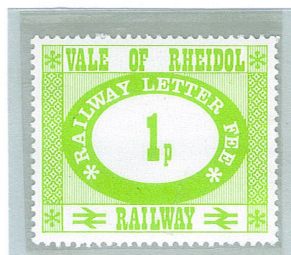


#9 Prince of Wales pulls a GWR 150th Ann.train.

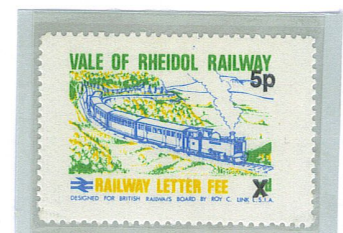
GWR 150 Vale of Rheidol anniversary cover. Carried on the 150 Ann. train (handstamp). 20p railway letter stamp with a 1985 BR Devils Bridge handstamp. 10p GWR 'Caerphilly Castle' stamp (150th Ann.of public railways issued 13.8.75) with a Ann.handstamp with one of the railway's locos and a Shrewsbury 18.6.1985 handstamp (cover's destination). 10p orange brown phos. paper Machin. Issued Nov.1979.



16p. cancelled 6d. railway letter stamp British Railways logo.



1p and 2p railway letter stamps



5p. cancelled 2d. railway letter stamp British Railways logo.

**Vale of Rheidol
Heritage Light
Railway 2-6-2T**

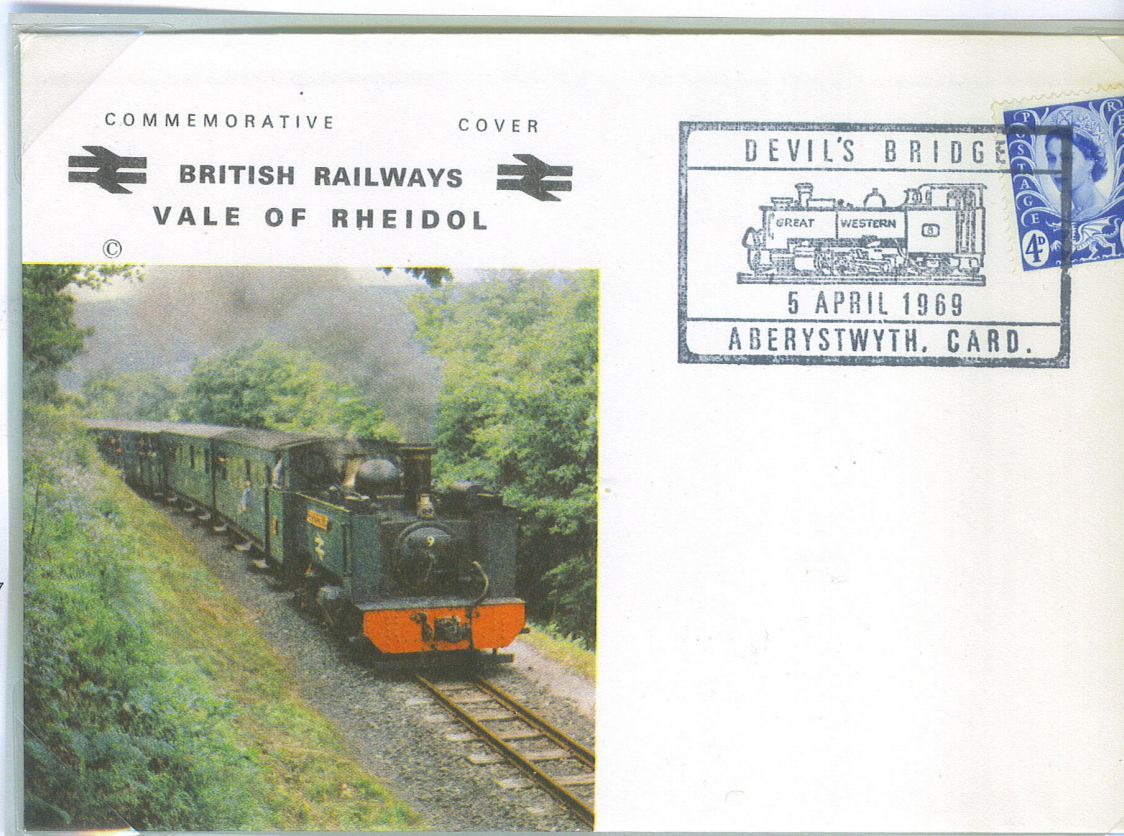
Opened 1902 between
Aberystwyth and Devil's
Bridge to carry lead ore
from Rheidol mines to
port of Aberystwyth.

Operates 3 tank locos.
designed by GWR's
Collett. Built 1923/24.

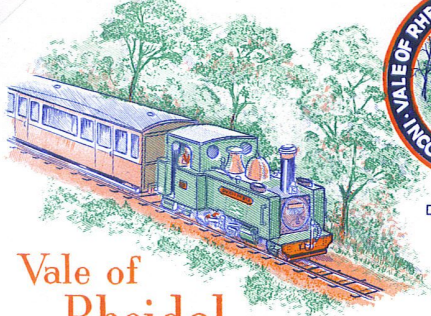
#9 'Prince of Wales'.
1969 COMMEMORATIVE CACHET.
8 LOCO DEVILS BRIDGE 5th APRIL
1969 ABERYSTWYTH HAND STAMP.
WELSH STAMP: 4d. ISSUED: OCT 1967



8 Llywelyn
ENAMEL TIE CLIP



ABERYSTWYTH



DEVILS BRIDGE

**Vale of
Rheidol**

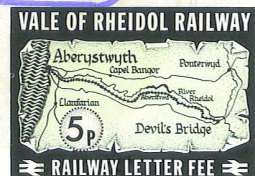
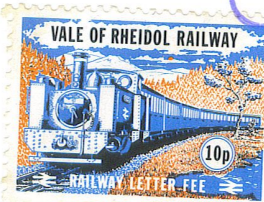
LIGHT RAILWAY



TO BE POSTED ON ARRIVAL
Bucklayers Arms - 250.



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40 R.D. & P.E. SHEPHARD & CO.
29 LONDON ROAD
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