

**SHROPSHIRE RAILWAY SOCIETY**  
**A “CAMBRIAN” EXCURSION IN MID WALES**  
**SATURDAY 13 APRIL 2024**

We are pleased to be able to offer an unusual day excursion to two locations which are an easy drive from the Shrewsbury area, to visit what is left of a long closed intermediate station on the former Cambrian Railways main line, Forden, west of Welshpool, combined with a visit to a local museum in the historic town of Montgomery.

The former Forden station is now in private hands, but the current owner has kindly agreed to show a party from the Shropshire Railway Society around his property, which includes the original signalbox, containing items of railwayana collected by our host.

Montgomery museum, known as the Old Bell Museum, has an interesting section devoted to local railways with, perhaps unsurprisingly, an emphasis on the 1921 Abermule accident.

The format of the visit will be that our party will split into two equally sized groups, with one group visiting Forden first and then Montgomery, and the other group doing the visits in the reverse order, and in between the visits everyone will meet at the Railway Inn at Forden, where we will partake of a pre-arranged buffet lunch.

It is anticipated that we will leave the Shrewsbury area at about 10.00 am, to drive to Forden where we will meet the owner of that former station, and he will entertain half our party with a visit to his property, including a presentation about local railway history showcasing the pictures and other material he has collected covering many years up to the 1960s, whilst the other half of our group will go to Montgomery to visit the museum; we expect to meet up at the Railway Inn about 13.00, then our two sub-groups will repeat the visits in the reverse, before we disperse at around 16.00.

There will be no charge for the outing, except for the cost of lunch, which is expected to be around £14 per head (to be collected on the day), and a nominal entrance fee to the Montgomery museum of £2 per head; in addition our host at Forden has been invited to indicate a local charity to which he would pass any donations the members of our party care to make as a thank you for his hospitality.

Places on this outing will be limited to 12, due to the size in particular of the signal box at Forden, and so the first twelve people who register their interest will be given priority.

This is an outing which will use members private cars to travel to and from the venues involved, with members sharing fuel expenses, and therefore when indicating your interest **it is requested that you advise whether you can offer one or more places in your car**

Please e-mail Lionel Price at [outings@saloprailsoc.org.uk](mailto:outings@saloprailsoc.org.uk) or call 01691 654488 or 07786 165101 (message may be left), to advise your interest.

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