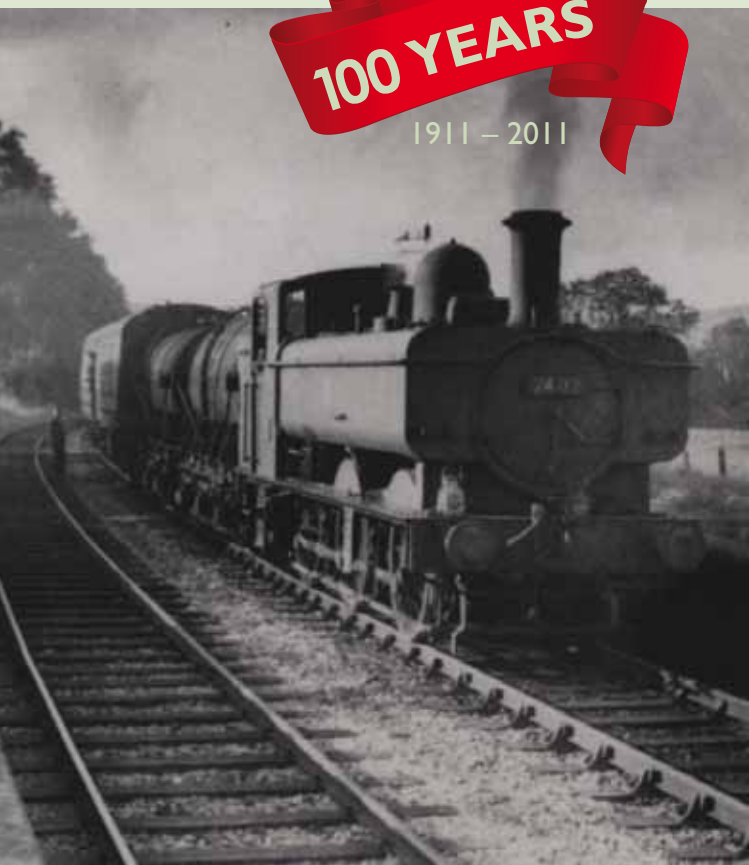




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# Aberaeron Railway Centenary Commemoration

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# The birth of a railway line

The railway line to Aberayron was officially opened on 12 May 1911 by Mrs Edith Gwynne, sister of J C Harford, Chairman of the Lampeter, Aberayron and New Quay Light Railway Company. On that day, around 400 children from Aberayron schools and surrounding area received a free return trip to Felin Fach and the children of the Aeron Valley received a free return trip to Aberayron. For the majority this was their first ever train ride.

The railway proved to be very popular. In the first month of operation over 9,000 tickets were issued, transforming the lives of many people and businesses. School children from along the Aeron Valley who attended the County School no longer had to live in Aberaeron during the week but could travel daily from their family home.



## Did you know?

- There was great excitement as the circus arrived with their animals on board and when rides for the annual fair on 13 November arrived by train.
- During WWII, the evacuees' first sight of the town was its station.
- The railway only served passengers until 1951 but continued carrying freight until it was eventually deemed an unprofitable line and was closed. The last train left Aberayron in 1965.
- Few could have foreseen that the railway was only to serve passengers for 40 years.



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