



# TR Register Shropshire

## Run to

### The Ffestiniog Railway

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019

This is a scenic social run of approximately 140 miles and 3hrs 40minutes running time (returning to Salop Leisure). We will pick up cars from the north and west of the County on the way. Drivers will be free to find their own way back to wherever they are going.

**PLEASE ADVISE PETER NAPIER WHERE YOU PROPOSE TO MEET UP EN ROUTE**

This is non-competitive Social Run conducted under the current guidance of the TR Register and participants will be required to sign the TR Register's Disclaimer Form.

We will take a direct and open road route to Tanygrisiau where we will stop for coffee (*if we have time*) and from where we will drive 100m yards to the station. We will catch the down train at 11.35am and arrive in Porthmadog at 12.45am.

We will have lunch at the Port Café (I have eaten there many times and it is very good), and then there will be time for a walk around Port (as the locals call it) before catching the 15.50 up train back to Tanygrisiau arriving at 16.55. The café do not need us to pre book. They can cope!

**THE TRAIN AND THE CAFÉ ARE DOG FRIENDLY**

**Itinerary:**

08.30	0 miles	<b>-69.5 miles</b>	Meet at Salop Leisure, Emstrey, Shrewsbury, SY5 6QS. This is located on the B4380 (the old A5) just East of the A5 Shrewsbury Bypass.
09:00			Turn <b>LEFT</b> out of Salop Leisure and at the roundabout take the <b>first exit</b> onto the A5
09.17	13m	-56.5m	<b>Continue</b> along the A5, passed Montford Bridge and take the Nesscliffe bypass (dual carriageway). At the roundabout at the end of the dual carriageway <b>TAKE THE FIRST</b> exit towards Knockin along B4396. 
09.27	19.5 m	-50m	Carry along this road for about 6 miles passing through Knockin until you reach a cross roads with the A483 (signposted Llansantfraid A495, Machynlleth (A458) and Bala (B4396)) 
09.35	21.4 m	-48.1m	<b>Continue</b> along this road for approximately 2miles the road reverts to being the B4396 at a junction signposted <b>AHEAD</b> Llanybodwel, Llanrhaeadr and Bala B4396. <b>Follow</b> this road all the way to Bala. <b>DO NOT TURN LEFT</b> 
10.15	47.5 m	-22m	At the Tee junction in Bala turn <b>RIGHT</b> and then <b>IMMEDIATELY LEFT</b> onto the A4212. Continue along this road for approximately 18 miles. 

10.25	57.2m	-12.3m	After approx 10 miles and having passed the reservoir, look out for the B4391 road sign to Ffestiniog and turn <b>RIGHT</b>	
10.40	65.3 m	-4.2m	In 18 miles turn <b>RIGHT</b> at the T junction in Ffestiniog onto the B4391 into the town.	
10.45	66.7 m	-1.8m	Carry on the B4391 straight on through Ffestiniog for 2½ miles until you reach a sharp right hand turn onto the A496. Turn <b>RIGHT</b>	
10.47	69.1 m	-0.4m	In 4 miles turn <b>LEFT</b> signposted Tanygrisiau and a brown sign Ffestiniog Power Station.	
			<b>IMMEDIATELY</b> turn <b>LEFT</b> and through what look like stone gate posts and carry on for about ½ mile passing Tanygrisiau Station on the right hand side until you reach Lakeside Café.	
10.50	69.5m	<b>0.00m</b>	<b>Lakeside Café post code: LL41 3TP</b>	
11.35			<b>Train departs from Tanygrisiau</b>	
			Shortly after <b>Dduall</b> look out for a small stop called ' <b>Campbell's Platform</b> '. This is where a wealthy landowner had a private platform. (He also had a private engine which he kept at Tan y Bwlch Station) Shortly after this on the right hand side of the track, you will see a small cottage also with a private platform.	
				

			<p>This is a Landmark Trust holiday cottage and it was whilst I was working on this restoration project that I started my volunteering on this railway. (Photo below).</p>
			 <p><i>Holiday Cottage used by Sir Granville Bantock early 20<sup>th</sup> century English composer, friend of Sir Edward Elgar, from Birmingham and then St John Philby father of the spy Kim Philby.</i></p>
			<p>Just after <b>Mynffordd Station</b>, the railway passes over the main line from Pwllheli to Shrewsbury.</p>
			<p>Shortly after Mynffordd Station the railway passes Boston Lodge Engineering Works where we recently visited with the Northumbria Group.</p>
			<p>The train then passes over The Cob an embankment built by William Madocks in 1810 to reclaim a large proportion of Traeth Mawr from the sea for agricultural use. The name Porthmadog derives from the founder William Madocks, though there is a belief that it is named after the folklore character Madog ab Owain Gwynedd who also gives his name to "Ynys Fadog" (English: "Madog island").</p>
			<p>Train arrives Porthmadog</p>
			<p>Head out of the Station and into Porthmadog along the High Street (Stryd Fawr) and about 100 yards on the left hand side you will find the Port Café. They are expecting us.</p>

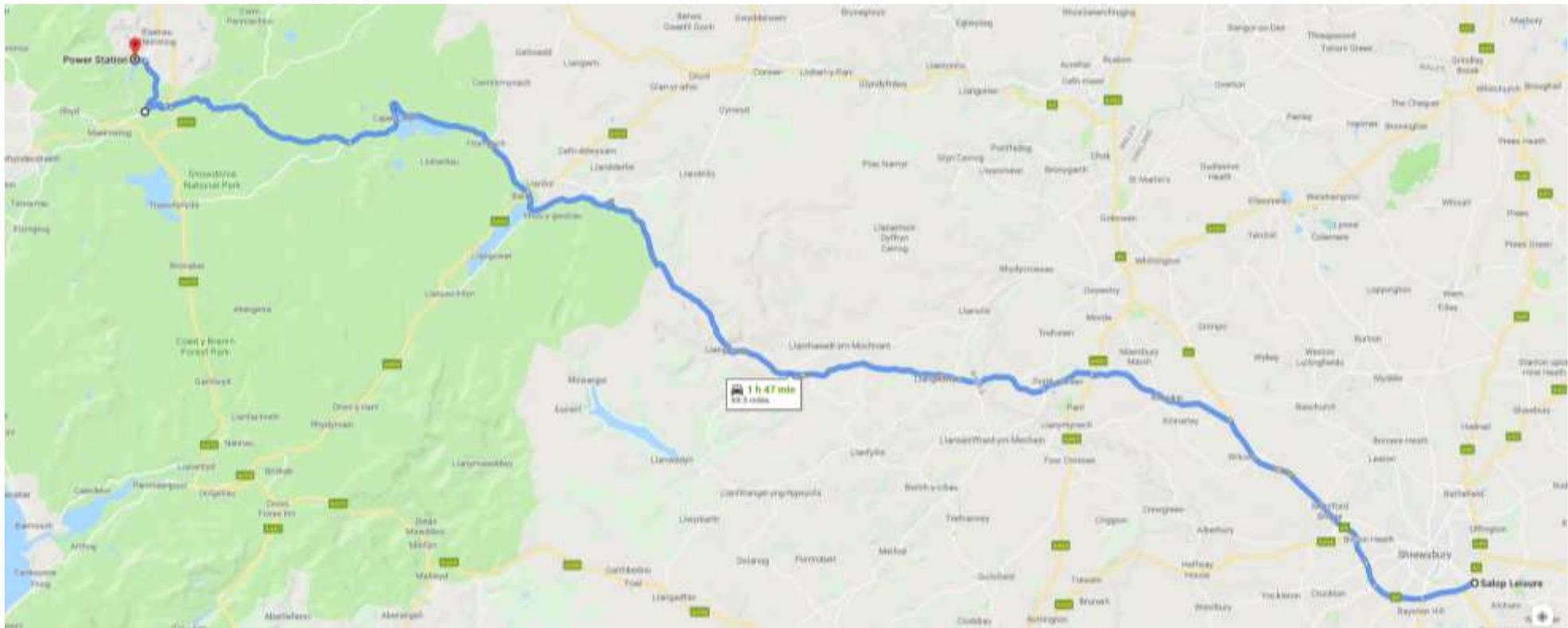
15:50			Train departs Porthmadog	
16:55			<b>Train arrives at Tanygrisiau</b>	
		-69.6m	Drivers may want to find their own way homes either by following the same route back or alternatively heading for the A5 for those heading <b>north of Shrewsbury</b> . However, the return route is almost the same as the outward journey to the <b>south of Shrewsbury</b> :	
17.15			Turn <b>RIGHT</b> out of the station car park.	
17.16	0.50m	-69.1m	<b>CONTINUE</b> $\frac{1}{2}$ mile the end of the road. Turn <b>RIGHT</b> and then immediately turn <b>RIGHT</b> again onto A496.	
17.20	2.9m	-66.7m	After approx. 2 miles you will reach a Tee junction with the B4391/A496. Turn <b>LEFT</b> onto the B4391 towards Ffestiniog.	
17.22	4.0m	-65.6m	<b>PASS</b> through Ffestiniog bearing <b>RIGHT</b> onto the A470 just after the Pengwern Arms Hotel.	
17.23	4.2m	-65.4m	In $\frac{1}{4}$ mile pass under the railway bridge and turn <b>LEFT</b> onto the B4391 signposted Bala.	
17.37	12.3m	-56.8m	After approx. 8 miles turn <b>LEFT</b> at the Tee junction on the A4212 towards Bala	
17.51	22.1m	-47m	Continue along the A4212 for about 10 miles into Bala and Turn <b>LEFT</b> at the Tee junction and then <b>IMMEDIATELY RIGHT</b> onto the B4391 towards Llangynog,	

18.18	38m	-31.6m	After passing through Llangynog and then Penybontfawr there are two options. For Oswestry and Shrewsbury turn <b>LEFT</b> onto the B4396 and for South Shropshire <b>CONTINUE</b> on the B4391 towards Welshpool.	
18.37	50.2m	-19.4m	TO SHREWSBURY Continue along the B4396 for 12 miles until you reach Llynclys cross roads on the A483. Go <b>STRAIGHT OVER</b> .	
18.47	56.3m	13.3m	Continue along the B4396 for six miles until you reach the A5 at Wolfshead Roundabout. Take the <b>THIRD</b> exit onto the A5 towards Shrewsbury and Telford.	
19.00	69.6m	0.00	<b>Salop Leisure (although you may wish to deviate from the above route to suit your final destination.)</b>	

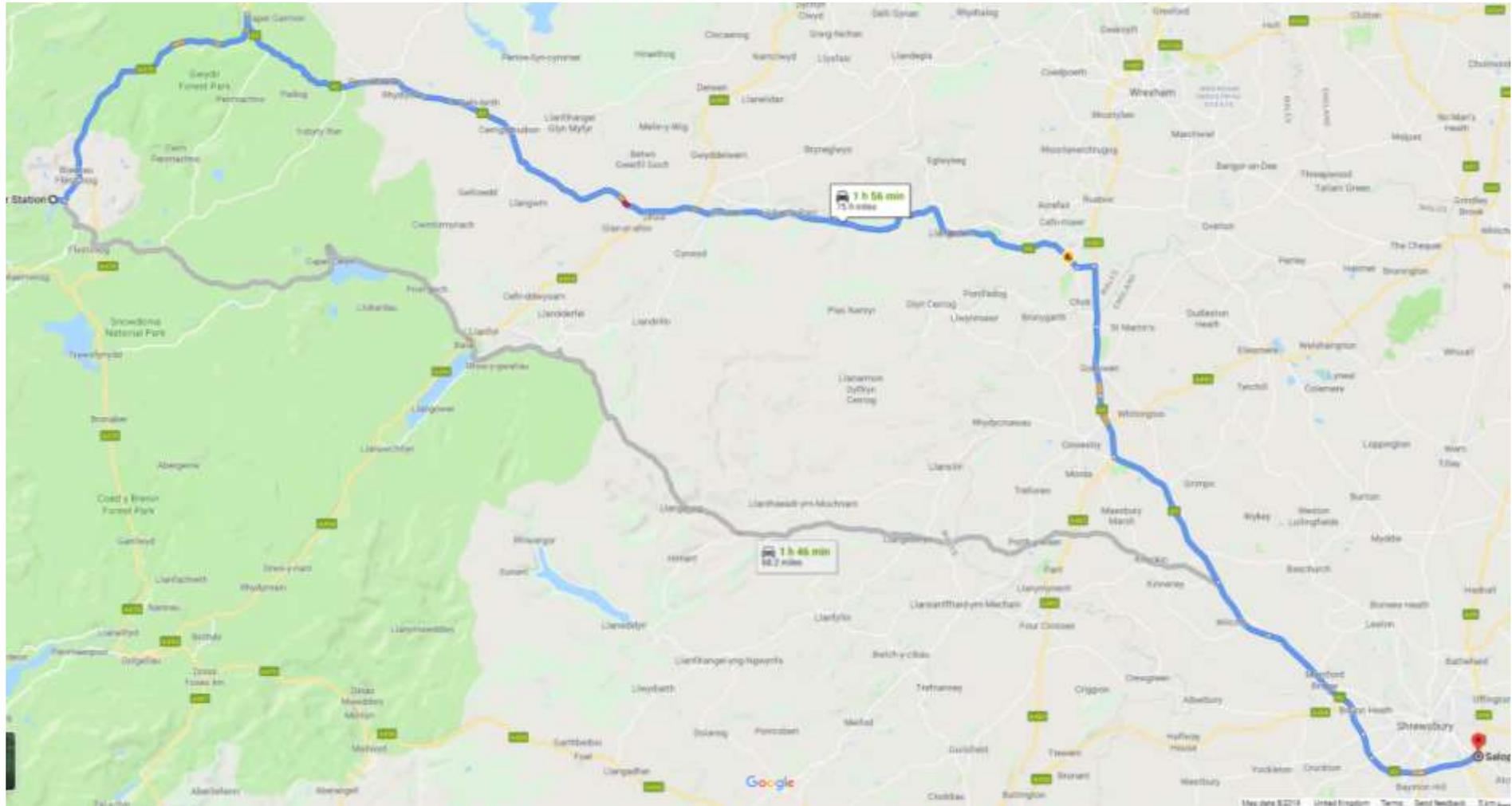
This is a non-competitive run for likeminded participants where there is no other purpose than the camaraderie of motoring in company to a predetermined point. Consideration for other road users must be shown and speed limits complied with.

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Outward Route



Alternative Return Routes