

Spirit of the LLANGOLLEN RAILWAY

Mike and Karl Heath

Running, for approximately 8 miles, from Llangollen to the current western terminus at Carrog, this railway is the only operational standard gauge heritage line in North Wales.

For most of its length it follows the course of the River Dee affording excellent views of the wonderful Welsh countryside many of which are not available to travellers on the main A5 road which also follows the route higher up the valley side.

There are many pleasant walks through the splendid scenery starting and terminating at the railway's stations. Not surprisingly the line is the most popular tourist attraction in the area. In this all new pocket-sized album Mike Heath and his son Karl have selected over 60 colour photographs from their respective portfolios to provide a stunning photographic journey along the length of the line capturing the spirit of the beautiful and dramatic scenery, wonderfully restored country stations and variety of motive power that combine to provide a wonderful day out for both tourists and railway enthusiasts.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

For well over 25 years **Mike Heath** has enjoyed combining his hobbies of photography and visiting preserved railways all over Britain. In that time he has amassed a vast collection of stunning photographs covering all aspects of the railways across all four seasons, day and night.

From a very early age his younger son **Karl**, now 23, has shared his enthusiasm for both steam and photography and has himself built up an equally impressive portfolio.

Having already produced nine titles in the Halsgrove Railway Series including *The Llangollen Railway*, published in 2005 Mike has joined forces with his son to produce this pocket-format book portraying the only operational heritage railway in North Wales.

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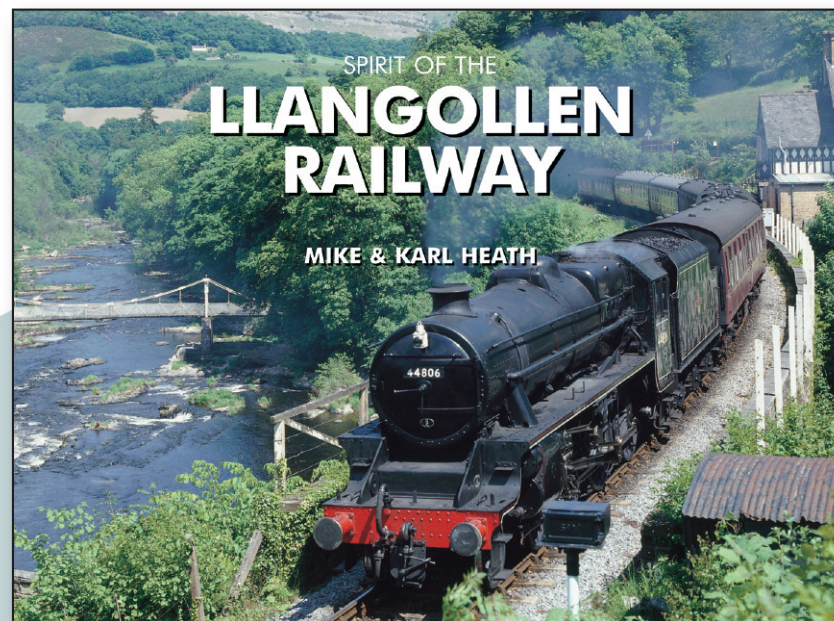
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Beneath Owain Glyndwr's Mount the railway is squeezed between the river and former castle motte. During the 2007 Grange Gala No. 78019, visiting from the Great Central Railway, re-enacts a 1950s' scene.



Sun, snow and freezing conditions offer a more dramatic scene with GWR 38xx No. 3802 producing a crisp white exhaust.



In 2001 the Midsummer land cruise was in the hands of visiting ex-Great Western Railway Hall class No. 4936 'Kinlet Hall' which made a typically spirited departure from Glyndyfrdwy.



The trees that surround Deeside Halt create a dappled light over the railway's Black 5 No. 44806.

Example of a double-page spread.



The Horseshoe Falls, which feed the Llangollen Canal from the River Dee, sweep across the foreground with the railway clinging to the hillside above.



(Left: Between trains the crew of Rannier tank No. 6430 crew enjoy the sun ahead of treating another train of passengers to the delights of the Dee Valley.

Right: Having been given the right away 'Foxcote Manor' eases its train through the long platforms.

