

GLOUCESTERSHIRE RAILWAYS

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE is a county rich in important railway features. There was the dense network of early railways in the Forest of Dean; the Bristol & Gloucestershire/Avon & Gloucestershire Railway which had a steam locomotive as early as 1835; another early line was the Cheltenham & Gloucester Tramway, while the 4,162yd long Severn Bridge was the longest in England. Furthermore, the county had three principal railway tunnels: the Severn – for many years the world's longest underwater tunnel – Sodbury and Sapperton.

Colin Maggs, the renowned expert on railway history, tells the fascinating tale of the railways and the impact they had on the lives of everyone in the county. The nostalgic branch lines with their small local trains and the main lines with their thundering expresses, are all part of a rich heritage which is explored in an expert text and in more than two hundred evocative images to present an absorbing view of Gloucestershire's recent past.



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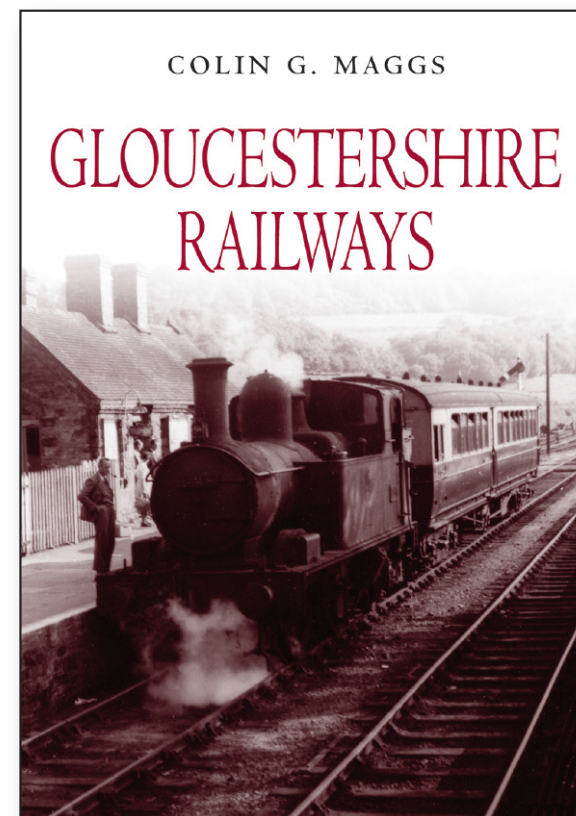
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Above: Single line tablet exchange at Severn Beach signal box 3 June 1963.

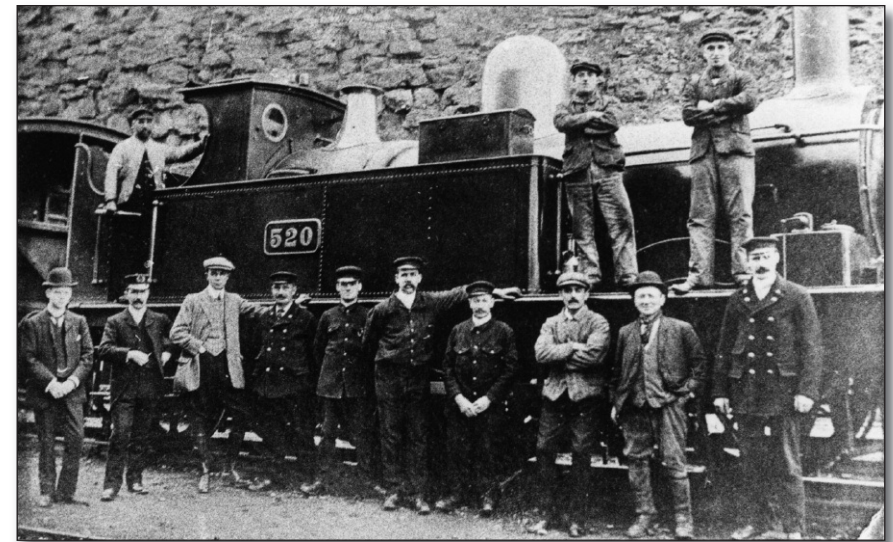
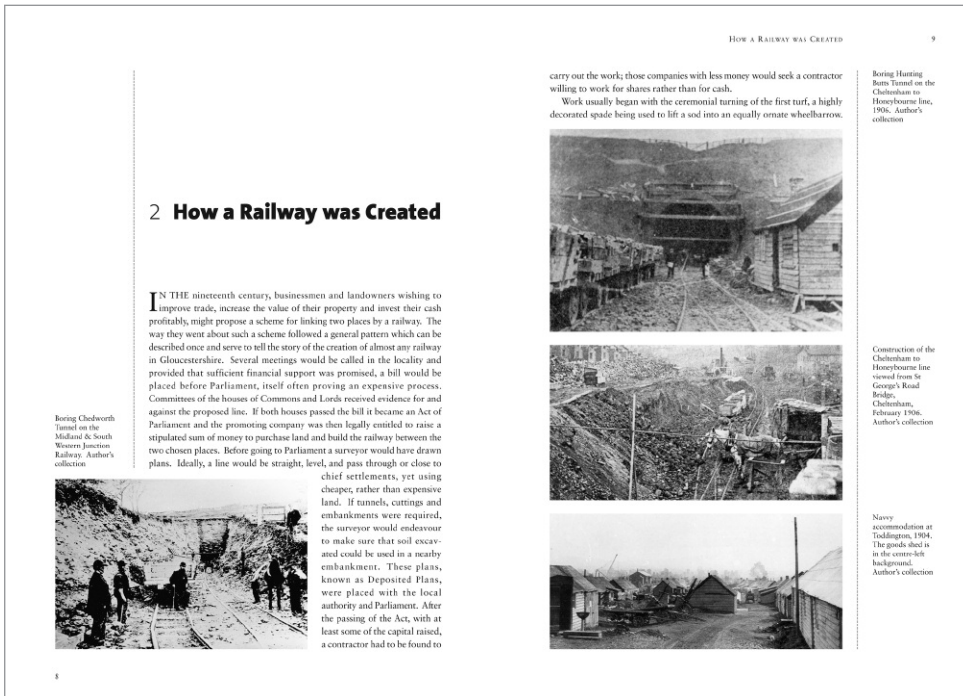
Top left: 20hp GWR Milnes-Daimler bus CO 84 stands at the Chalford terminus, 31 March 1905.

Left: On 18 April 1952 Driver John Richmond rests on his 6 ton Scammell mechanical horse built in 1936.

Below: Example of a double-page spread.



4-6-0 No 5919 Worsley Hall hauls a banana train through New Passage Halt 28 September 1959.



A group, mainly railway staff, around 517 class 0-4-2T No 520 at Tetbury. This locomotive was withdrawn in October 1912.