

Images of

# BODMIN ROAD TO PADSTOW & LAUNCESTON RAILWAYS

Maurice Dart

In this new volume of photographs from the Maurice Dart Collection the author returns to his home ground in Cornwall. The photographs included here are largely scenes that would have been familiar to the author from the 1930s and for most of the eighty years following, since he still works as a volunteer on the Bodmin & Wenford Railway up to the present day. Few can know these lines as intimately as he does.

We follow each route photographically, showing most of the locomotive types that have worked on them. The final chapters contain coverage of the two preserved lines, again illustrating most of the locos which have operated on them. Some older historic images are included and many images may be of great interest to modellers of historic locomotives with period layouts.

As in the previous volumes in the growing Images series the reader is presented with a personal selection of photographs, many of them taken by the author himself. Here are photos of locomotives, rolling stock and line infrastructure on these Cornish lines whose chequered history, from the nineteenth century until closure in the 1960s, typifies the story of so many of Britain's smaller railways.

This book provides a chance for railway enthusiasts to share in the author's unique memories of the railways that once served North Cornwall.



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**Maurice Dart** was born in Plymouth and, apart from a period in Gibraltar, he has lived in Devon and Cornwall for all of his life. The interest in railways was bred into him almost from birth and has stayed with him. He was educated at Sutton High School, Plymouth followed by Plymouth & Devonport Technical College and worked as a chemist in the China Clay industry for thirty seven years. Through his work connections he gained an intimate knowledge of the Lee

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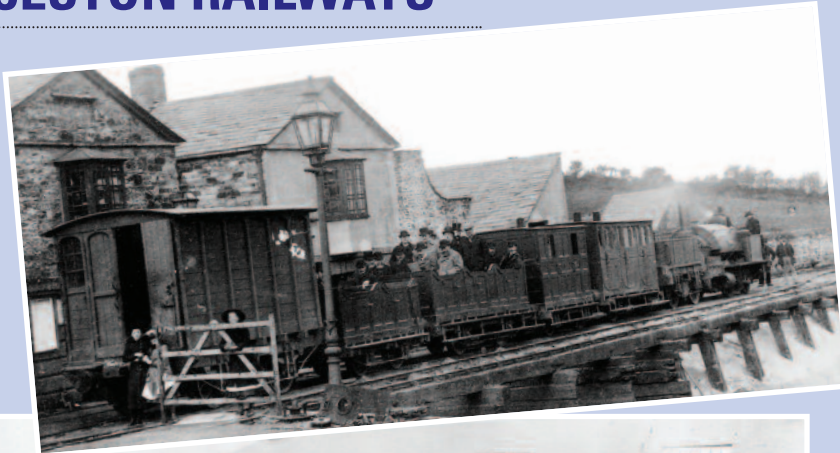
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LSWR Directors on an Inspection Special hauled by 0-4-0ST 'BODMIN' which is stopped alongside the sand drops at Bodmin Town Old Wharf in 1886.



Above: Due to a combination of a signalling fault and human error on 7 Dec 1961 the 6.58am Wadebridge to Bodmin General train hauled by 0-6-0PT 4694 collided with a train being shunted by a GWR 4500 class 2-6-2T as it entered General station.

Left: This obviously posed photograph shows a train being loaded with slate at Delabole quarry around 1912.

Below: An O2 class 0-4-4T has crossed the bridge over Little Petherick creek with a train to Bodmin SR in the early 1930s.



The first Beattie Well tank at Wadebridge was 248 which arrived in June 1893 and departed to Nine Elms in May 1895. This loco was withdrawn in December 1898. Wharfinger Sam Worth poses with staff in front of this loco at Bodmin Wharf.

Example of a double-page spread.



Images of Bodmin Road to Padstow & Launceston Railways

On 15 July 1968 a British R175 class 0119 runs across the Wadebridge on the Bodmin Road, near the City Extension - Plymouth Railway Station.

In June 1965 a British R175 class 0119 departs from Bodmin Road with a train to Bodmin General, Cornwall.

Bodmin Road 0-4-0ST at South of Bodmin

The original 'Bodmin' loco was an 0-4-0ST built in 1903. The loco was not repaired to safety after the Bodmin branch and before it was withdrawn in 1962. It was later used for shunting at the quarry. See the 1962-1963 Times Magazine.

Quinn's Ruston-built (ex-LSWR) 2-6-2T loco works at the Dean platform on a 0-4-0T for Wadebridge in view of the loco of the day. See the 1962-1963 Times Magazine.

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