

A PREMIER NARROW GAUGE STEAM CHARTER

Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway ~ Tuesday 8th September 2026

*Premier pictured in its Bowaters Days, 1966.
Courtesy David J Mitchell*



We are delighted to offer a day of photography featuring visiting locomotive *Premier* during its short working visit to the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway.

The starting point for these charters on each day will be Llanfair Caereinion Station where there is plenty of free parking. Progress will be largely dictated by the weather, though we will visit as many good locations as possible.

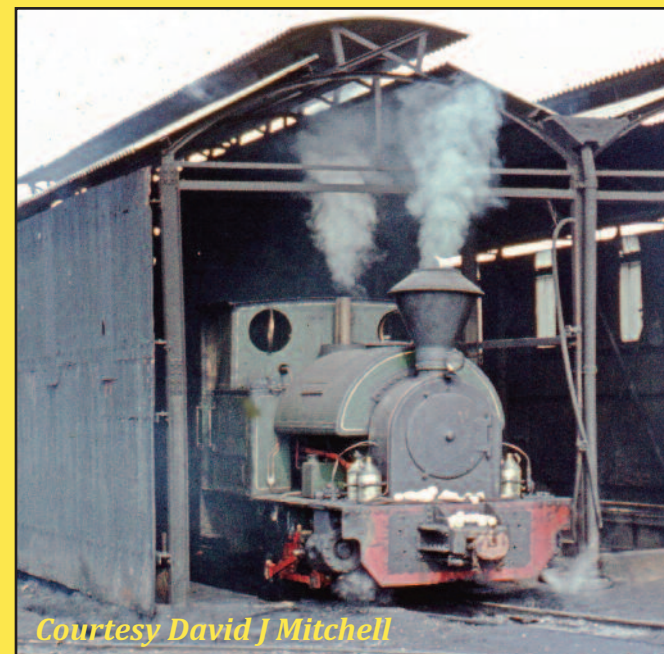
We are aiming for relaxed and enjoyable days, plus some great photographic opportunities to which the line lends itself, passing as it does through pleasant, rolling Welsh countryside.

It is probable that we will be using a mixed train including one coach for travel. We will be out on the line from 08.00 until 16.00 hours when we return to Llanfair to enable *Premier* to be prepared for its journey home to Kent. Although the Railway has been using diesels during August in response to the long spell of dry weather, we expect steam-hauled services to resume in September.

Premier is visiting from its home base at the Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway and we thank the owners for facilitating this event along with the host WLLR. The locomotive was delivered new to Lloyds Paper Mill in Kent in 1905 and has been at Sittingbourne ever since. It was built by Kerr Stuart and is works No.886. *Premier* saw almost constant service between delivery and 1994 when the loco was withdrawn for a major rebuild. Over the past few years, volunteers at the SKLR have been steadily working towards a return to steam with this being achieved in the past few weeks. The locomotive has been rebuilt to as close to its original condition as possible and it is great to see the Kerr Stuart back in steam again.

The cafe at Llanfair Caereinion will be open from 07.30 on the day to supply hot drinks and snacks on arrival. It will also be possible to order food for delivery to the train around lunchtime, probably at Welshpool. We will be keeping shunting and other breaks to as short a time as we can in order to get as much out of the day as possible, though we will obviously need to water and service the locomotive at various points during the day.

This is a great line to visit and we hope many of you will wish to join us in Wales for these charters. We are extremely grateful for all the support that you give to these events which is greatly appreciated; the WLLR always puts on an excellent show for us. Let's hope for some dry and sunny weather, preceded by enough rain to facilitate steam running again.



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