



# Christmas ON THE Severn Valley Railway

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# Santa Steam Specials

Take an atmospheric steam train journey along the beautiful Severn Valley to visit Santa in his grotto at Arley.

**SPECIAL OFFER**  
December 3 & 4  
**£9.50**  
Adults & Children



Join one of our steam hauled trains at **Kidderminster Station** for your journey to **Arley**. At Arley the children, and the grown ups, will have the thrill of meeting Father Christmas in his grotto. Presents for fare paying children completes the experience before your steam train arrives to take you back to Kidderminster.

## What's included:

Return train travel between **Kidderminster** and **Arley**. Outward travel is in a guaranteed seat at a train time of your choice and return is by any train. These trains return at frequent intervals from Arley. Also included is a present for every fare paying child over the age of 12 months. Trains will call at Bewdley on the return journey, where passengers may alight to visit this attractive riverside town with its Christmas tree, lights and decorations. (This is not possible if travelling on the last two trains of the day.)

## Trains depart from Kidderminster Station at:

9.45am, 10.15am, 10.45am,  
11.15am, 11.45am, 12.15pm,  
12.45pm, 1.15pm†, 2.00pm,  
2.30pm, 3.00pm, 3.30pm\*  
4.00pm\*.

\*Does not operate on December 3, 4 & 24  
†Departs at 1.30pm on December 3, 4 & 24

## Operating dates:

December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 & 24.

## Cost:

Adults – **£10.50**

Children  
(1 to 15 years) – **£10.50**

Special price for babies under 12 months – please enquire when booking.

Please note – You will require a minimum of 2 hours for this visit.

**TO MAKE YOUR BOOKING CALL 01299 403816**  
(Monday to Saturday: 9.30am to 4.30 pm) using your debit or credit card OR book on-line at [www.svr.co.uk](http://www.svr.co.uk)



# Santa Heralds

STEAM OPERATED!

Travel in the company of Santa, on our steam train, to Highley.

Join our steam train at Kidderminster Station for your journey with Santa to Highley. Santa will visit every child on the train, giving out gifts to each fare paying child and posing for photographs. Don't forget to bring the camera!

**What's included:** Return train travel by steam train between Kidderminster and Highley in a guaranteed seat at the train time of your choice. Also included is a present for every fare paying child over the age of 12 months.

**Trains depart from Kidderminster Station at:** 10.30am & 1.00pm.

**Operating dates:**  
December 21, 22 & 23.

**Cost:** Adults – **£10.50**  
Children  
(1 to 15 years) – **£10.50**

Special price for babies under 12 months – please enquire when booking.

Please note – You will require a minimum of 2 hours for this visit.



# Christmas

CAROL TRAINS

NEW  
FORMAT!

Get Christmas off to a traditional start with an evening journey by our diesel train to the Visitor Centre, The Engine House, at Highley.

Join our diesel train at Kidderminster or Bewdley and, in the company of The New Dimensional Experience Choir, join in carol singing both at our station at Arley and on arrival in the Visitor Centre at Highley.

**What's included:** Return travel from Kidderminster or Bewdley to Highley and admission to The Engine House, our Visitor Centre. Community carol singing at Arley and The Engine House. A mince pie and glass of warming punch is also included (non-alcoholic apple and cinnamon for the children) and other light snacks will be available to purchase. A limited bar will also be available.

**Trains depart Kidderminster Station at 7.35pm or Bewdley at 8.02pm (returning to Bewdley at 10.32pm and Kidderminster at 10.46pm).**

**Operating dates:**  
December 10 & 17.

**Cost:** Adults – **£10.50**  
Children  
(4 to 15 years) – **£6.50**

Please note – There is a walk of approximately 150 yards between Highley Station and the Visitor Centre.



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# Christmas

## DINING TRAINS

Step back in time to the golden age of steam travel and dine in festive period style as the beautiful Worcestershire and Shropshire countryside slips past your window.

Travel from Kidderminster to Bridgnorth, choosing between our popular Christmas Luncheon Trains or our Evening Christmas Dining Trains. *Advance booking is essential.*

## LUNCHEON TRAINS

**What's included:** A three course Christmas Luncheon served at your table followed by coffee and a mince pie.

**Trains depart:** 1.20pm from Kidderminster Station (returning to Kidderminster at 4.20pm approx).

**Operating dates:** December 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22 & 23.

### Christmas Luncheon Menu

Chicken Liver Paté with Cranberry Brandy & Port

Cream of Asparagus Soup (V)

Melon & Fruit Couli (V)

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Roast Turkey Parcel with Pigs in a Blanket

Salmon Fillet served in Tarragon Butter\*

Goat's Cheese, Red Pepper & Walnut Wellington (V)\*

Served with Roast & New Potatoes  
Selection of Seasonal Vegetables

\*\*\*

Christmas Pudding & Brandy Sauce

Jingleberry Pie served with Cream

\*\*\*

Coffee & Mince Pie

We are happy to discuss special dietary requirements at the time of booking.  
\*Pre-ordering is essential.

**£25.00** plus rail fare

Kidderminster – Bridgnorth return rail travel – Pre-Book & Save

Adult: **£15.50**, Senior: **£14.00**, Children: **£7.75**

Discounts on these fares, but not food options, are available for SVR members and shareholders.

## EVENING DINING TRAINS

**What's included:** A four course Evening Christmas Dinner served at your table followed by coffee and a mince pie.

**Trains depart:** 7.15pm from Kidderminster Station (returning to Kidderminster at 10.20pm).

**Operating dates:** December 3, 10 & 17.

### Evening Christmas Dining Menu

Fanned Melon & Fruit Couli (V)

King Prawns with Sweet Chilli Sauce

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Tomato & Basil Soup (V)

\*\*\*

Roast Turkey Parcel with Pigs in a Blanket

Salmon Fillet served in Tarragon Butter\*

Goat's Cheese, Red Pepper & Walnut Wellington (V)\*

Served with Roast & New Potatoes  
Selection of Seasonal Vegetables

\*\*\*

Christmas Pudding & Brandy Sauce

Jingleberry Pie served with Cream

\*\*\*

Coffee & Mince Pie

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\*Pre-ordering is essential.



**£28.00** plus rail fare

Kidderminster – Bridgnorth return rail travel – Pre-Book & Save

Adult: **£15.50**, Senior: **£14.00**, Children: **£7.75**

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## PRE-ORDER YOUR WINES

Why not pre-order and pay for your wines with your luncheon or evening dinner? Below is a selection from our wine list. There is also a full bar service on all our dining trains.

House White	£13.50	House Red	£13.50	Pinot Grigio	
Chardonnay	£14.00	Merlot	£16.00	Blush	£15.50
Pinot Grigio		Shiraz	£14.00	Champagne	
White	£15.50			Monmarthe	£31.00

**TO MAKE YOUR BOOKING CALL 01562 827232**

(Monday to Friday: 9.30am to 4.30 pm) using your debit or credit card.

# Christmas Lunch

## AT THE ENGINE HOUSE

Travel by steam train from Kidderminster to The Engine House Visitor Centre at Highley. Once there you will be able to enjoy the exhibitions and displays before taking your seats for a four course Christmas Lunch.

**What's included:** Return train travel between Kidderminster and Highley in reserved seats, admission to The Engine House and a four course lunch in Buffers Café Restaurant.

**Trains depart:** 10.30am from Kidderminster Station (returning to Kidderminster at 2.30pm).

**Operating dates:** December 13, 14, 15, 21, 22 & 23.

The Engine House opening hours: 10.45am – 4.00pm.

### Christmas Lunch at The Engine House

Roasted Butternut Squash and Cumin Soup  
with Parmesan Croutons (V)

Crispy Twisted Prawns with Wasabi Mayonnaise  
and Sweet Chilli Pepper Sauce

Chicken Liver Cognac and Cranberry Parfait Served with Toasted Brioche  
Roasted Mediterranean Vegetable and Goat's Cheese Bruschetta

\*\*\*

Moist Roast Turkey served with 'Devils on Horseback'  
Chef's Recipe Stuffing and Gravy

Citrus and Dill Crusted Salmon Steak with a White Wine Sauce  
Braised Steak au Poivre in Red Wine Sauce

Melty Stilton Mushroom and Spinach Wellington (V)

All Main Courses served with Roast Potatoes.  
Braised Red Cabbage and Roast Root Vegetables

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Traditional Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce

Indulgent Bailey's and Dark Chocolate Cheesecake

Normandy Apple and Almond Tart with Toffee Sauce  
Cheeseboard

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Warmed Citrus-Pastry Mince Pie and Tea/Coffee

**£29.50** plus rail fare

Kidderminster – Highley return rail travel:

Adult: **£10.00**, Senior: **£9.00**

Discounts on these fares, but not food options, are available for SVR members and shareholders.

**TO MAKE YOUR BOOKING CALL 01746 862387**

(Monday to Friday: 9.30am to 4.30 pm) using your debit or credit card.

# Festive Season

## LUNCHEON & TEA TRAINS

Enjoy a Festive Season treat with a delicious lunch in a steam hauled dining train as it gently makes its way through the Worcestershire and Shropshire countryside.

Depart from Kidderminster with return travel by any train.

**What's included:** A three course Festive Luncheon served at your table followed by coffee and a mince pie.

**Trains depart:** 12.30pm from Kidderminster Station (a full timetable is provided on page 12).

**Operating dates:** December 28 & 31.

A **Festive Afternoon Tea** with a selection of cakes, scones with jam and clotted cream plus unlimited tea and coffee is available on the 3.15pm train from Bridgnorth on the above dates.

Advance booking is essential for luncheons and afternoon teas.

### Festive Luncheon Menu

Leek & Potato Soup (V)

Prawn Cocktail

Fruit Juice (V)

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Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding

Chicken Supreme with Chipolatas & Stuffing

Salmon in Hollandaise Sauce\*

Stilton Crumble (V)\*

Served with New & Roast Potatoes  
Panache of Mixed Vegetables and Brussels Sprouts

\*\*\*

Irish Cream Cheesecake

Chocolate Roulade

Cheese & Biscuits

\*\*\*

Coffee & Mince Pie

We are happy to discuss special dietary requirements at the time of booking.  
\*Pre-ordering is essential.



Luncheon

**£25.00** plus rail fare

Afternoon Tea

**£7.00** plus rail fare

Kidderminster – Bridgnorth return rail travel – Pre-Book & Save

Adult: **£15.50**, Senior: **£14.00**, Children: **£7.75**

Discounts on these fares, but not food options, are available for SVR members and shareholders.

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(Monday to Friday: 9.30am to 4.30 pm) using your debit or credit card.

# Shrewsbury

## SALOON

The Shrewsbury Saloon is our beautifully refurbished private carriage, available for hire for that very special Christmas celebration or that original Christmas gift.

Attached to our steam hauled dining trains for a return trip between Kidderminster and Bridgnorth you can wine and dine your friends and family in style!

The Shrewsbury Saloon is available on the same dates and at the same times as our other Christmas dining trains.

A bar service is available serving wines, spirits, beers and soft drinks.

### Shrewsbury Saloon Menu

Exclusive hire of the saloon, for up to 10 persons (seated)

Glass of Sparkling Rosé Wine Reception

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Pocket of Prawns on a Bed of Lettuce with Marie Rose Sauce

\*\*\*

Cream of Watercress Soup (V)

\*\*\*

Roast Turkey Parcel

Salmon Fillet served in Tarragon Butter\*

Goat's Cheese, Red Pepper & Walnut Wellington (V)\*

Served with Roast & New Potatoes  
Selection of Seasonal Vegetables

\*\*\*

French Apple Tart & Cream

\*\*\*

Cheeseboard, Biscuits, Grapes & Celery  
Served with a decanter of Port

\*\*\*

Coffee & Mince Pie

We are happy to discuss special dietary requirements at the time of booking.  
\*Pre-ordering is essential.

Hire of Saloon **£400**

Food and wine **£400**

**TO MAKE YOUR BOOKING CALL 01562 827232**

(Monday to Friday: 9.30am to 4.30 pm)

### Cold Buffet Option

Exclusive hire of the saloon for up to 23 people with informal seating.

Menu options are available on request.

## Christmas Gifts

### WITH A DIFFERENCE

#### Midweek or Sunday Luncheon

Vouchers cost from £26.00 per person (rail travel extra).

#### Murder Mystery Evening Dining Trains

Rub shoulders with Miss Marple or Hercule Poirot! Vouchers cost £32.00 per person (rail travel extra).

#### Footplate Experience Courses

Realise a lifelong ambition! Courses to suit both steam and diesel enthusiasts from £250 per person (conditions apply).

#### Presents for everyone in our Gift Shops

Our gift shops at Kidderminster, The Engine House at Highley and Bridgnorth stock a wide range of souvenirs, gifts, books, DVDs and model railway items.

Visit our on-line gift shop at [www.svr.co.uk](http://www.svr.co.uk)



# Festive Season

## TRAIN SERVICE

With the Christmas festivities over why not blow the cobwebs clean away with a leisurely steam train journey along the Severn Valley!

Trains operate between Kidderminster and Bridgnorth from Boxing Day to January 2nd 2012 inclusive. The Engine House, our Visitor Centre at Highley is also open throughout this period and makes an ideal point to break your journey.

Why not stop off for a visit to this exciting exhibition and enjoy a bite to eat in Buffers Café Restaurant?

**PRE-BOOK  
& SAVE!**

Kidderminster	10.25	12.00	12.30*	2.00	4.00
Bewdley	10.36	12.11	12.42	2.11	4.11
Arley	10.52	12.27	12.59	2.27	4.27
Highley	11.03	12.38	1.10	2.38	4.38
Hampton Loade	11.14	12.49	1.21	2.49	4.49
Bridgnorth	11.32	1.07	1.40	3.07	5.07

Bridgnorth	10.10	11.50	1.50	3.15†	3.50
Hampton Loade	10.25	12.05	2.05	3.31	4.05
Highley	10.37	12.16	2.16	3.42	4.15
Arley	10.49	12.27	2.27	3.53	4.26
Bewdley	11.07	12.43	2.43	4.10	4.42
Kidderminster	11.21	12.57	2.57	4.24	4.54

\*Also operates as a dining service on December 28 and 31.

†An afternoon tea service operates on December 28 and 31.

Advance booking is essential for dining and afternoon tea.

The Engine House opening hours: 10.45am - 5.00pm.

Normal train fares apply. Example: 'Freedom of the Line' for the day Kidderminster – Bridgnorth:

Adult: £16.00, Seniors: £14.50, Children (4-15 yrs): £8.00

Family (2 adults and 4 children): £43.00

These fares include FREE admission to The Engine House, our Visitor Centre at Highley.

**NO NEED TO BOOK** However, advance bookings can be made on-line at [www.svr.co.uk](http://www.svr.co.uk)

# Fancy a Bite

## TO EAT?

### On Train

Most of our trains, excluding dining services, provide a trolley service selling hot and cold drinks and light snacks.



### Kidderminster

The *King & Castle* – Popular with our 'locals' which tells you something! Serves a range of cask ales and hearty hot and cold meals.

The *Valley Suite* – Our comfortable licensed restaurant close to the station platforms. Good food and drink available to eat in or take away. Arrive early as it's a great place for breakfast at the start of your day.



### Bewdley

The *Station Refreshment Room* – Serves hot and cold meals, snacks and beverages to eat in or take away.

### Arley

The *Station Kiosk* offers a limited range of sandwiches, soup and snacks. Hot and cold drinks may also be purchased. Open when Santa Steam Specials are in operation.

### Highley – The Engine House

Just a short easy walk from the station, *Buffers Café Restaurant* is a great place for a light bite or a full meal. Chef's 'specials' available daily from 12 noon. Great views across the Severn Valley. Fully licensed.



### Bridgnorth

The *Railwayman's Arms* – Right on the platform and full of atmosphere, a great place to meet for a glass or two from a selection of real ales. Also serves a range of pub snacks.



The *Station Buffet* – Serves hot and cold meals, snacks and beverages to eat in or take away.

# HOW TO BOOK

Our Christmas services are very popular and early booking is advised. For all services included in this brochure, EXCEPT the Festive Season Service, advance booking is essential. This guide, which has been colour coded for your convenience, will assist with booking in order to avoid disappointment. Bookings may be made from 19 September onwards.

## ■ Santa Steam Specials

## ■ Santa Heralds

## ■ Christmas Carol Trains

- Book in advance at our on-line Ticket Office at [www.svr.co.uk](http://www.svr.co.uk)
- Book using your debit or credit card by calling 01299 403816 (Monday to Saturday – 9.30 am to 4.30 pm).

## ■ Christmas Luncheon Trains

## ■ Evening Christmas Dining Trains

## ■ Festive Season Luncheon & Tea Trains

## ■ Shrewsbury Saloon Reservations

### Dining Gift Vouchers

- Book using your debit or credit card by calling 01562 827232 (Monday to Friday – 9.30 am to 4.30 pm).
- Dining Gift Vouchers may also be purchased on-line.

## ■ Christmas Lunch at The Engine House

- Book using your debit or credit card by calling 01746 862387 (Monday to Friday – 9.30 am to 4.30 pm).

## ■ Festive Season Train Service – Pre-Book & Save

- Book 7 days in advance at our on-line Ticket Office at [www.svr.co.uk](http://www.svr.co.uk) or if you prefer:
- Just turn up and pay on the day.

We regret that payment by cheque is no longer accepted.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

- All bookings are subject to a £1 administration fee.
- Advance booking is essential for all services mentioned in this brochure with the exception of the Festive Season Service.
- Joining information, including car-parking arrangements, will be dispatched to you with your tickets.
- We strongly advise all visitors to arrive at least 40 minutes prior to the departure of the train. This will allow time to park your car, look around the station and board the train.
- Smoking is not permitted on any Severn Valley Railway train. Smoking is also prohibited in The Engine House and Santa's Grotto.
- Children must be fully supervised at all times especially in the dining carriages and in Santa's Grotto.
- Dogs are not permitted in dining carriages, at The Engine House or Santa's Grotto (assistance dogs excepted).
- Mobile telephones and electronic games must be SWITCHED OFF in dining carriages and in Santa's Grotto.
- All dining trains described here offer a full bar service. Only drink purchased on-board may be consumed.
- All dining group bookings are subject to the payment of a non-refundable deposit of £50. Final payment is due 2 weeks prior to the visit.
- All refunds or exchanges of all tickets will be subject to an administration charge of £5.00 per booking. Refunds or exchanges will only be considered up to 10 working days prior to the booked date of travel, and will be at the discretion of the General Manager.

# Christmas CALENDAR

Santa Steam Specials  
Santa Heralds  
Christmas Carol Trains  
Christmas Luncheon Trains  
Evening Christmas Dining Trains  
Festive Season Luncheon & Tea Trains  
Shrewsbury Saloon available for hire  
Christmas Lunch at The Engine House  
Festive Season Train Service  
The Engine House open to the public

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		FESTIVE SEASON SERVICES									
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## ACCESS FOR THE LESS ABLE



The Severn Valley Railway is pleased to welcome less able visitors. Some of our trains have specially adapted carriages for those with mobility problems. Ramps, which permit access for wheelchairs to our trains, are available at all stations mentioned in this brochure. Please note, however, that due to the age and design of our dining carriages it is NOT possible for wheelchair users to remain in their wheelchairs whilst dining. On dining services wheelchairs may be stored in the Guard's Van.

For all of the services mentioned in this brochure please inform our staff, at the time of booking, if you have a person in your group with a mobility problem.

# HOW TO FIND US



**By road:** Kidderminster Station (DY10 1QX) is situated on Comberton Hill, the A448 Kidderminster – Bromsgrove road, and is signposted from Kidderminster ring road. The SVR is signposted from the M42 westbound. From the M5 southbound leave at J3 and take the A456 to Kidderminster. From the M5 northbound leave at J6 and take the A449 to Kidderminster. Look out for the brown tourist signs and the little white engine!

**By train:** Kidderminster (SVR) is adjacent to Kidderminster main line station. Frequent services from Birmingham – Snow Hill, Worcester, Malvern, Leamington Spa and Solihull call at Kidderminster. From Wolverhampton and Birmingham – New St, change at Smethwick Galton Bridge for local services to Kidderminster.

## Head Office

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