

# "Killing Time!"



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## **SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY** & *Murder by Appointment* on Saturday 8 September 2018

It is Saturday 8 September 1939. The only topic of conversation on anyone's lips as they board the 7.30pm Kidderminster to Bridgnorth express is the war! At 11am on 3 September, the Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain, had broadcast to the nation announcing that Great Britain was at war with Germany. That was now three days ago and absolutely nothing appears to have changed. No mighty battles, just a cruise liner, the SS Athenia, sunk by a German submarine. Hardly what the public expected. The public expected the British and Commonwealth armies to give the Germans a lesson for once and for all which was exactly why Arnold Camberley and George Oldshaw were travelling on the train enroute to Shrewsbury to enlist in the army. To them it was an exciting adventure and a welcome change from their humdrum lives. But for Ernest Thornley and his wife Muriel it was no adventure. They both lived through the last war. For Ernest, the horror of the trenches. Wounded in the Battle of Cambrai in 1917, he still carries the scars, both physical and mental, to this day and Muriel knows all about the deprivations of war and the anxiety borne by those left behind whilst their loved ones fight. Doreen Poole is also boarding the train. She is young and does not really understand what the war is all about. It is a dark cloud in the sky but she has little understanding of what it holds in store for her, for the country or indeed for the world. But what none of them know is that the highly charged emotions the news of war has brought are about to boil over and result in a seemingly senseless murder!

Fortunately, and purely by coincidence, Inspector Alfred Crowther is waiting to board the train at Bridgnorth to return to his home at Arley after a long and tedious 10 hour shift at Bridgnorth Police Station. You may rest assured that he will unmask the perpetrator of this horrific crime but he will require your help!

So join us and dine in fine style as the train weaves it's way along the beautiful Severn Valley and you watch as the murder unfolds before your eyes. We look forward to welcoming you.



Please note that, whilst we endeavour to provide the advertised murder mystery, it is, on rare occasions, necessary to change the scenario for reasons beyond our control.