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SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY & *Murder by Appointment*
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It is 3 November 1949 and Britain is still in a post-war depression. King George VI is still on the throne but his health is giving cause for concern which further depresses the populace.

Lord Randolph Barclay has fallen upon hard times. The upkeep of his ancestral home, Rodbaston Hall, is burden enough in these impoverished, post-war times but the situation is exacerbated much further by the reckless spending of his wife, Lady Daphne Barclay, a total snob who cannot make even the slightest concession to her social status to ease the burden on her husband. They are travelling, together with their daughter, Victoria, on the 7.30pm express from Kidderminster to Bridgnorth, to visit a maiden aunt in Wrexham whom Randolph hopes will loan them sufficient to stave off bankruptcy. Also on the train is one Alfred Prescott, a notorious rogue who has served numerous prison sentences, whose glib tongue seeks to part the kindly, but gullible, Lord Barclay from his few remaining assets. Add to the mix a prostitute who plies her trade on the railway and the scene is set for murder!

It is fortunate then that a Detective Inspector Alfred Crowther should be boarding the train at Brignorth after a long and tedious day at Brignorth Police Station, on his way home to Arley. Unfortunately for him is the fact that a policeman is never truly off duty and, confronted with a murder, he has no alternative to taking charge and commencing an investigation. You may rest assured that the Inspector will leave no stone unturned as he questions the suspects which will eventually lead him to the apprehension of the perpetrator of this heinous crime.

So join us and dine in fine style as we travel along the picturesque Severn valley aboard an authentic steam train of the period. Enjoy the camaraderie and banter with your fellow passengers as a foul and brutal murder takes place before your very eyes and you are invited to assist Inspector Crowther bring the guilty to justice. Please feel free to dress in period costume should you wish, to make your personal experience even more authentic. 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.