

"A Taste for Murder!"



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It is Saturday 10 November 1931. Passengers are boarding the 7.30pm Kidderminster to Bridgnorth express. For many, it is a journey home after a hard days' work. For others, the journey is connected with their work and for yet more it is a journey filled with expectation and delight. But, for a tiny minority, their reason to be on this train is altogether more sinister! Take for example the bombastic, rude and arrogant Major Percival Payne. A man to be avoided at any time but on this day when he has learned that the fortune he had expected to inherit from his brother's estate has been left instead to Dr Barnardo's Homes for children, he is most definitely someone to be avoided. Add to the passenger mix an excessively ambitious Member of Parliament, a BBC Radio investigative journalist with a point to prove, a secretary who has taken a day off without permission, to go shopping whilst her employer is out of town and a young rogue from the backstreets of Wolverhampton who lives by his wits and skill as a pickpocket, and you may be sure that it will not be a journey without incident! But a brutal murder?

It is fortunate then that a Detective Inspector Alfred Crowther should be boarding the train at Bridgnorth after a long and tedious day at Bridgnorth 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.