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SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY & *Murder by Appointment*
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It is Wednesday 9 June 1944, 3 days after D-Day - the Invasion of Europe! There is no other topic of conversation as the world holds its breath. Is this truly the beginning of the end of the war that has blighted the lives of everyone for so long or will it be another disaster following so many previous disasters? Passengers boarding the 7.30pm express from Kidderminster to Bridgnorth on their homeward journeys, or where their lives take them, eagerly scan newspapers or enquire if anyone has heard the latest news bulletin from the BBC. Many amongst them have husbands, fathers, sons or lovers in that 160,00 strong invasion force or amongst the 195,700 naval personnel in the invasion armada. Of course no-one had been allowed to know the invasion was taking place for security reasons so the news that it had finally taken place came as a shock, relief, nervous excitement and a whole host of other emotions. Amongst those on the train, Ernest and Elizabeth Anderson eagerly sought after any news they could find in the forlorn hope that they might learn news of their son. Dorothy Turner is also desperate to hear news of her fiancé who she suspects will be serving on one of the huge fleet carrying the invasion force. Her sister, Gloria Emmerson, herself widowed some 2 years earlier, tries her best to reassure Dorothy but the callous, flippant and despicable comments of Arthur Ellis can only enflame feelings in an already tense situation. Little wonder events should take such a macabre turn, resulting in a terrible murder!

Purely by coincidence, Detective Inspector Crowther of the Shropshire Constabulary is boarding the train at Bridgnorth at the end of his shift and with the intention of travelling to his home at Arley. However, faced with a murder, he is obliged to take charge of the situation and commence an investigation which will, hopefully, result in the perpetrator being brought to justice.

So join us and dine in fine style as the train weaves its 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.