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SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY & Murder by Appointment on Saturday 29 September 2018

It is Saturday 29 September 1945. With the war finally over, even though rationing and unemployment continue to make many lives hard, there is still an air of joyous celebration all around the country. Thus it is for the passengers boarding the 7.30pm express from Kidderminster to Bridgnorth. Harry Thornley, just demobbed from the army, has proposed to his girlfriend, Muriel Cooper this very afternoon and, the pair are now travelling to break the news to their families in Bridgnorth. Agnes Stoneycroft has no such happiness in her life. Her husband was one of the many who did not come home from the war. Alone and in dire financial straits, she is at her wits end. She finds herself reduced to begging and borrowing and she dreads each new day which only seems to add to her woes. But as she travels wearily homeward after a fruitless day of begging around the market in Kidderminster, her spirits are lifted by a meeting with an apparent guardian angel. Horace Buckley seems to be the answer to her prayers but, of course, all is not always what it seems! Horace and his lady friend, Millie Partridge are not as altruistic as they would at first appear to be! Maybe therefore, it is not surprising that this tale should end in a callous 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.