

## ***Building a railway the hard way (Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway)***

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30 pm  
at EDF Energy Lecture Theatre, Barnwood, Gloucester**



Photos by Ian Crowder

Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway is a volunteer operated heritage railway in Gloucestershire and Worcestershire offering a round trip of 28 miles. It uses part of the route of the former Great Western Railway's main line from Birmingham to Cheltenham which used to run via Stratford-upon-Avon.

It operates steam and heritage diesel trains between Cheltenham Racecourse and Broadway through some of the most spectacular scenery in the Cotswolds. The line commands wonderful views of the nearby villages, with outstanding outlooks across to the Malvern Hills and beyond.

Though closed in 1976, volunteers have been “building a railway the hard way” since 1977, with the first trains running again in 1984. The right hand picture shows Broadway Station, one of the latest sections of the railway to be restored to use.

The talk will cover everything from track bed to train with the odd station stop in between, the talk will also make a few comparisons with the original line construction.

The talk will be given by Peter Bennett, he is the Deputy Head of the C&W Department of the GWSR. Like many volunteers, regardless of profession, he comes from a practical background.

For more details and booking: <http://nearyou.imeche.org/near-you/UK/Western/Gloucester-Area>

Refreshments from 7:00pm and talk to start at 7:30pm

For further details please contact: Peter Rayner on telephone 01452 652381

**This is a joint event with the IET Gloucestershire Network**