

A walk exploring the railway heritage of what was once a busy junction station which was a major employer within the town.



Ex LMS Class 5 No 45231 heads "The Cheshireman" back to Bristol 12th Sept 2015



BR Standard class 7 No 70000 Britannia with support coach 24th May 2015

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The railway came to Whitchurch in 1858 with the opening of the Crewe to Shrewsbury line by the London and North Western Railway. In 1863 a junction with the Cambrian Railway meant that connection was made to mid Wales, in 1872 a further junction was created when the LNWR opened the Tattenhall branch providing a link to Chester and the north Wales coast. As a junction station Whitchurch became extremely busy with a steady freight traffic and regular passenger services.

The North and West expresses were routed through Whitchurch, these served the north of England and the west country and South Wales.

Whitchurch lost the link with Chester in 1957 when the passenger service was cut although freight used the line for a few years after and in 1965 the Oswestry branch was closed thus reducing the station to a through station once again. There are just an "up" and a "down" line passing through the station now, the buildings have gone and nature is reclaiming it's own. Nevertheless there is still a rail service which is well used