

Wednesday 21 June

RAILWAY 79

Llangollen		1300
Corwen	1340	1420
Llangollen	1458	

So I have a ticket for all the narrow-gauge railways of North Wales, and we decide to go and do a standard gauge line! We arranged to meet Roger and Julie at 12 noon, and found each other by the car park pay machines. A leisurely amble, a wonderful ice cream, and the view across the river to the station. This was the old Great Western line to the coast at Barmouth Junction, sadly closed in 1965. Corwen station, a new building to the east of the original one, was opened just a couple of weeks ago. Once we had purchased our ticket - no reduction for Julie - it became obvious that the train was a dmu. It was a well packed dmu - one of the old Wickham units made in Ware in the 1950s - and the wheelchair could only stay in the guard's van. I was able to get to the seats next to it, but another wheelchair was not so lucky. Anyway, it was a good ride - 10 miles now - and the line is lovely. We had a good chat and catch up.





