

Thursday 22 June

RAILWAY 80

Fairbourne	1110
Barmouth Ferry	1130 1150
Fairbourne	1210

I had exciting plans to drive to Machynlleth and do the whole of the Cambrian Coast line. I had to re-think those plans - too much. Rather depressing when I can't manage to colour in my Atlas. Instead we drove over to Fairbourne to go and do the line there. A small train, so Julie stayed with a coffee while I had a ride. The line goes back to 1895, it was built as a tramway to assist in the construction of the village. In 1916 it was converted to a 15 inch gauge line, and it ran until 1940. It was rescued by a consortium of Midlands businessmen in 1947. Regauged to 12¼ inches in 1986. It looks as if it needs some more investment, though there were a good number of people travelling, and some of them catching the ferry to and from Barmouth. The café at Barmouth Ferry needs reopening.





