

Creative writing challenge: railway

Here's a picture of a photograph in one of the museum's special exhibitions, Place to Place. The photograph shows a GWR (Great Western Railway) steam propelled coach, carrying 70 passengers, running on the Lambourn Valley line (between Newbury and Lambourn) just after it was acquired by the company in 1905. It is what is described as a 'branch line' and was first opened in 1898. The line closed to passenger traffic in 1960.

Imagine you are one of the people travelling on the steam train from Newbury to Lambourn in 1905. Describe your experience in a letter to a friend. You might like to research online about Lambourn Valley railway line and steam train journeys.

