

List of references regarding the Transport History of Stratford upon Avon and surrounding area.

I appreciate that most of the following references will be recorded elsewhere where such records are kept. However it may be of use to casual readers to know where they can learn more about the subjects in my various documents.

At the time of writing this in 2005 many of the hardback books and back numbers of the monthly magazines listed could still be obtained from specialist transport booksellers.

The Stratford upon Avon and Midland Junction Railway by Arthur Jordan
Oxford Publishing Co 1982 SBN 86093 131 5

This is the most important single source and the recognised definitive history of the SMJR .The author was the son of May Jordan who was manageress of the SMJ/LMS tea rooms at Stratford Station. He attended the local grammar school and spent much of his spare time (circa 1930) at the station in Old Town whilst waiting for his mother to finish work. The Jordan family lived for some time at 7 Windsor Street, Stratford next door to my Grandmother (8). Number 7 was demolished in recent times to allow better access for coaches turning into Mansell Street! Arthur Jordan knew many of the ex SMJ men who, no doubt, provided him with stories about the early days and he would have had the benefit of knowing the long serving "Tacker" Harris over a long period of time. His profession as a teacher allowed him to conduct his research into the line over a long period of time and it was undoubtedly a labour of love. Unlike most of the books that have been published since I have never found any factual errors in this book and much of the anecdotal material is substantiated elsewhere. (JRJ 2011)

A History of the Stratford upon Avon & Midland Junction Railway by R C Riley and Bill Simpson
Lamplight Publications 1999 SBN 1 899246 04 5

A Regional History of the Railways of Great Britain Vol 7 by Rex Christiansen David & Charles 1973
SBN 0 7153 6093 0

Also Vol 9 by Robin Leleux David & Charles 1976 SBN 0 7153 7165 7

Waterways to Stratford by C Hadfield & J Norris 1962 David & Charles SBN 0 7153 4231 2

The Stratford & Moreton Tramway by John Norris 1987 Railway & Canal Historical Society SBN 0
901461 40 7

The Stratford upon Avon & Midland Junction Railway by J M Dunn 1952 Oakwood Press Library of
Railway History No10.

Lost Railways of Warwickshire by Geoffrey Kingscott
2009 Countryside Books ISBN 978 1 84674 174 6

Caution this book contains some errors in the SMJ chapter. See JRJ note ref 03.05 for my observations.

The Chronicles of Boulton's Siding by A R Bennett 1927 Locomotive Publishing Co.

The Edge Hill Light Railway by E S Tonks 1948 Published by Author.

The Railway Magazine Vol 11 p393; Vol 26 p265; Vol 30 p169; Vol 72 p235

The Locomotive Magazine 1902 & 1911

Towcester Memories of the "Slow ,Miserable & Jolty" by Robert Stevens 1994 Towcester Historical Society SBN 0 9524619 0 0

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Railway Wonders of the World Part 21 The Amalgamated Press Ltd June 21st 1935.

The Signalling of the SMJ by M Christensen Railway Signalling Record Society.

The British Railway Journal LMS Society 25th Anniversary Special Edition. Wild Swan Publications

As above Edition No 70 p178

Branch Lines of Warwickshire by Colin G Maggs 1994 Alan Sutton Publishing Ltd SBN 0 7509 0317 1

The Stratford upon Avon Herald.

The local newspaper is available to view by arrangement at the Shakespeare Museum archive (they have a full set).

The back copies of the Stratford upon Avon Herald do yield a good deal of material and in pre 1970 editions seem to be reliable and accurate. In early times the paper employed traditional journalists and reporters who did an excellent job. Various railway related articles have appeared in that newspaper in the period 1970 onwards usually prompted by some redevelopment event on the course of the lines (ex SMJ & GWR south of Alcester Road) or a readers' letter. Many of these articles are badly researched and often shoddy journalism, more than one confuses the ex GW route and the SMJ route!. Researchers are warned to check other sources and be wary of photo captions as the modern "Herald" often gets them wrong. It is a fact that most local newspapers in recent times have had to abandon traditional journalism due to competition. They do not have the long serving reporters with local knowledge and contacts. Many pieces of "Herald" reporting on the railways of Stratford in modern times have been done by young and inexperienced reporters and are sloppy. In the future no doubt researchers will look at such reports and take them at face value. If this missive survives I warn anyone to take care in accepting the Herald post 1970 as the reliable source that it was in earlier times.

Anyone interested in the printing industry might care to read my essay on that industry in Stratford in the 1950 – 60's. It contains details of the "Herald" being printed at their own premises on early machinery.

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