

**Audio-Visual Display of the Commemoration of
the 50th Anniversary of The End of Tewkesbury's Railways
12-13 August 2011**

DVD produced by **Roger Butwell**, inspired by a
film and photographs taken by his father, the late **Harry Butwell**

**A. Butwell film of the Last Train to leave Tewkesbury on 12 August 1961 at c
6.25 pm.**

Devised and recorded by Roger Butwell

The train was from Ashchurch Station full of a misleading number of
passengers, and it then returned empty to Ashchurch for the last time.

**B. A Commemorative Walk along the remnants of Tewkesbury's Two Forgotten
Railways [Saturday, 13 August 2011].**

Led by John Dixon, President THS

Even in 2025 much of the site of the two railways is still visible – **to do it
yourself** read the last chapter of *Tewkesbury's Two Forgotten Railways*.
We walked out from behind Morrisons on the 1840 railway to the *Mythe
Tunnell* [opened only by special permission of the owner] and returned via
the 1864 Railway.

C. A Ceremony of Poetry and Readings held at 6.25pm on 13 August 2011.

Presided over by the President but the finale was managed by **Ian Boskett of
the Railway Society**. The occasion was graced by the then *Mayor and
Mayoress* [the late *Chuck Pavey and Mrs. Ann Bayliss*] and readings were
chosen and read by *Sam Eedle, Bill Treen, Rev. Bill O'Leary*.

D. A Commemorative Display by Tewkesbury Railway Society

[<http://www.tymcars.co.uk/>] on 12 August 2011 at the YMCA, Church Street.

Organised by Chairman, Ian Boskett.

E. Ride on a Model Steam Train, on 12 August 2011

The Train is owned by **Ian Boskett** and we were given permission by **GCC** to
use the cycle track which now follows the original track of the 1840 railway
but ends at *Brewer's Fayre/Shannon Way*.

F. Historic slides of Tewkesbury's Railways

By Harry and Roger Butwell.