The Berks & Hants extension Railway 150th Anniversary



On 21st June 2012 Hungerford Station

was en fete to celebrate the extension of

the 1847 Hungerford branch line

through to Pewsey and Devizes in 1862


Kidsgrove


First

There were speeches

and the Mayor unveiled

a commemorative plaque ....






n the mid 1800s, there was railway mania – every town wished to be included on the network. Isambard Kingdom
unel brought the town's first railway to Hungerford from Newbury in 1847 – ending at a terminus station, with
turntable nearby. The railway was so successful that the canal trade declined, and the Great Western Railway
bought the canal in 1852. The line was extended through the town (across the embankment and several bridges)
Second (near Devizes) in 1862, requiring extensive changes to the station. Brunel's broad gauge track was changed
standard gauge in 1874. Much watercress was grown locally, and sent by rail from Hungerford station to London.
King George V travelled to Hungerford by rail when visiting his friend Sir John Ward at nearby Chilton
ing now remains of the GWR livery – but the station continues to be a vital link both to the
West Country, and to Newbury, Reading and London.


First
Mayor of Hungerford
Councillor Martin Crane OBE
Bucks & Hants Extension Railway

A steam-hauled Cathedrals Express

stopped to take on water

and pick up passengers ....


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After the Cathedrals Express had departed,

the station soon returned to normal

until the excursion train returned

that evening after a trip to Minehead....


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Good bye .....



..... until the next time!