

6880 Betton Grange

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Building the 81st Grange for the 21st century

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www.6880.co.uk **"GRANGE 80"**

June 2016

Dear Supporter,

2016 seems to be a year of celebration and remembrance in many ways, including 175 years of Swindon Works as well as HRH The Queen's 90th Birthday, 50 years since England won the World Cup, 100 years since the Somme offensive and 950 years since the Battle of Hastings.

HOWEVER the 27th August 1936 saw the first of a new class of locomotive **6800 Arlington Grange** turned out of Swindon Works. Therefore the 27th August 2016 gives rise to celebrating 80 years since that special occasion. Unfortunately Arlington Grange along with 79 others all met the cutter's torch

So in 2015 (50 years since we saw the end of Western Region Steam and the last of the working Granges) we launched the Boiler Appeal, which has now passed the half way mark! The 'Adopt a Grange' scheme was also launched, giving supporters an opportunity to contribute to the Boiler Appeal as well as honouring those 80 Granges that no longer exist. We are now on the verge of seeing a Grange again in Steam (well hopefully within the next 3 years).

6880 Betton Grange Society has decided that we cannot let this year go by without acknowledging that 80th Anniversary. 6800 was first allocated to Newton Abbot shed on 15th September 1936 and by 24th September 1936 was in regular service in that area before moving to Penzance in October the same year.

There is to be a 'Day of Celebration' on Saturday 24th September 2016 at Llangollen Railway.

The day commences at 10.30 am in the Henry Robertson suite, where traditional 'bacon baps' and drinks will be served. This will give an opportunity to browse the displays concerning 'the History of the 4-6-0 Grange Class' as well as 'The Building of the 81st Grange', it is hoped to have various models of Granges as well as 'Grange' Railwayana, meeting fellow supporters and the Directors of the Society along with special guests. A tour of the Railway Shed will follow with an opportunity to view the current state of the Build of 6880 Betton Grange (and maybe a surprise or two). Bring your camera as there will be no restrictions on photographs. Prior to boarding the 14.30 return trip to Corwen, there will be the customary cake and champagne reception on the platform where our locomotive for the day will be sporting a Special Headboard. We then board our exclusive carriage where Afternoon Tea will be served at our tables and enjoy the trip along the Dee Valley. The train returns at 16.20, which concludes the Grange 80 day!

The price for the day is just **£35 pp inclusive**. Numbers are limited so please return as soon as possible and no later than 31st July. If you wish to attend fill in the form below and return along with your cheque, made payable to **6880 Betton Grange Society**, to:

Lynn Moore, Grange 80, 224 Staining Road, Blackpool, Lancashire FY3 0DL

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I/We require tickets for the Grange 80 event at Llangollen Railway on Saturday 24th September 2016

Name/s _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Number of tickets _____

Payment enclosed @£35 per head

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(Please make Cheques payable to:-**6880 Betton Grange Society**)

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