

North Wales Borderlands Senate Weekend

13th October – 16th October 2016

The first part of the programme is a 'Mix & Match' to suit your interests and availability while the second part of the weekend from Friday evening is a superb value for money "ALL INCLUSIVE" weekend which will finish with Home Hospitality at The Coach House.

The organised accommodation is at the [Hand Hotel](#), Berwyn B&B and [Moreton Park Hotel](#) while you can also arrange your own B&B or Self Catering accommodation in the area or stay at the [local Caravan Club site](#) just 950m from the hotel. For those that like to pamper themselves the Lion Quays Hotel & Spa is also a nearby option!

Programme Outline

Llangollen Railway Friday Add On

Thursday 13th

For those that will arrive on Thursday evening an informal Indian meal is being organised at the Chirk Tandoori which is about 20 metres from the front door of The Hand Hotel. **Cost £20 including 2 drinks**

Friday 14th

10.00 Meet in Llangollen for a visit to see behind the scenes at the Llangollen Railway Trust. This will include the [Carriage and Wagon Yard & Workshops](#) as well as the [Locomotive Shed](#) where they refurbish engines and are building the [Unknown Warrior](#) steam locomotive to the original Sir Henry Fowler parallel boiler design and capable of running on the mainline. Llangollen Railway is unique - in the fact they are the only railway to carry out four new build projects. They also do refurbishment work for many other heritage railways. **Cost £10 ??.??** Those who would prefer can enjoy all that picturesque Llangollen and its shops and tea rooms have to offer. **Cost as much or as little as you want!**

12.00 -12.30 Meet for a pub lunch at [The Corn Mill](#) **At your own cost**

14.00 Meet at the railway station for a memorable **private** Senate trip up the beautiful Dee Valley to Corwen on a [Heritage Railcar](#) with 'Senate Refreshment'. On the return journey we plan to stop at Carrog for afternoon tea and there will also be an opportunity to explore the [Carrog Signal Box](#) After our relaxing homemade tea we will continue back to Llangollen where you can explore the station and [Signal Box](#) before we head off to Chirk for our full Senate weekend. **Cost £25 per adult – children under 13 free**

All Inclusive Programme

Friday 14th

This will start with afternoon tea for those who wish to arrive early and have a relaxing afternoon in Chirk and catching up with old friends.

For those who cannot arrive until later or have been on the train trip there will be a welcome drink available when you check in at the Hand Hotel!

We will all gather in the bar for pre dinner drinks and then the welcome dinner in the Regency Restaurant

Saturday 15th

On Saturday morning there will be a choice of activities. For those who prefer less active pursuits there will be an organised visit to a suitable local attraction and morning coffee while for those who like to walk there will be 2 grades of walks with 'Senate' refreshments. Of course you can also choose to do your own thing!

We will then all meet up for a pub lunch with appropriate refreshments.

Afternoon tea will be back at the Hand Hotel and the Senate Council will have their meeting while everyone else either continues to catch up or grabs a quick nap before the evening's festivities.

The evening will start with the Chairman's reception before a formal dinner with the usual after dinner entertainment and of course refreshments throughout.

Sunday 16th

For those who like to be active we are organising a visit to a suitable attraction or you can help Morag prepare while those who prefer to chill can relax until it is time for the farewell lunch at The Coach House.

If you cannot attend the whole weekend, wish to bring the family or have particular needs please contact [Peter Browning](#) who will tailor a package to suit your needs.

Staying at the Moreton Park

For those staying at the Moreton Park Hotel we are hoping to organise a complementary minibus to bring you to the Hand hotel in time for the pre-dinner drinks and then take you back after the dinners on Friday & Saturday

Getting to Chirk

Travel by Car, Boat, Plane or Train!

Chirk railway station is only 850 m from the hotel and we will arrange transport from Manchester or Liverpool airports - you can even come by canal boat. If you need picked up from Chirk Railway station please let us know and we will do our best to help.