

Golden Jubilees in Wimborne

Two important Golden Jubilees are being celebrated in Wimborne this year; the Allendale Community Centre and our own Wimborne Railway Society. In March we will be celebrating 1975-2025 with a Golden Jubilee Model Railway Exhibition in the Allendale. It is significant that this is held in the former grounds of Allendale House, the home of Charles Castleman who was responsible for bringing the railway to Wimborne in the 1840s.

For a small Dorset market town that lost its railway in the 1970s to have prospered and grown over 50 years is surely no small achievement. From humble beginnings Wimborne Railway Society has attracted a loyal following, including one of the original founder members, and now enjoys a membership of almost 80. Changes in premises and the challenge of Covid lockdowns have come and gone but its meetings at Chapel Lane continue.

A Golden anniversary is especially worth celebrating at the Allendale that is at the heart of so many events in the town. The Society will exhibit its model layouts with pride. Amongst the attractions the public can see will be a scale working model of the old Wimborne railway that will help people look back at our history but also look forward to what we can share in our community in the future.

Peter Watson
Chairman, WRS.

Golden Jubilee Model Railway Exhibition

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd March

Venue: Allendale Community Centre,

Hanham Road, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 1AS

Open: Saturday: 1000 - 1700

Sunday: 1000 - 1600

Admission: Adults £8.00, Family £10.00,

Accompanied U15's free, Cash or card.