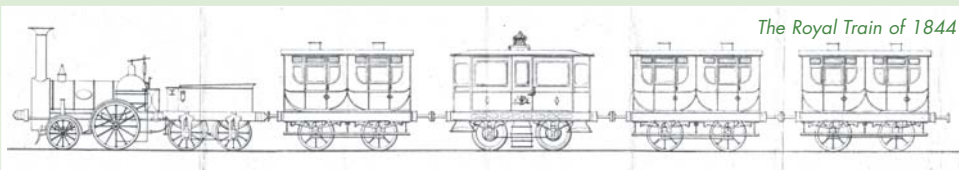


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Transport and Travel

The Royal Train

Made by Wolverton men, driven by Bletchley men



The Royal Train of 1844

The Royal Train was made in Wolverton 1843-1984. Lined in satinwood and inlaid with ivory, the Edwardian Royal Saloon included a smoking-room, day-compartment, bedrooms and dressing-rooms with electric heaters, fans and 'decoration in the best possible taste... the highest perfection attained in carriage building in England'.

You'd see these Platelayers working and when they see it was the Royal Train, they'd all be saluting with their shovels.

Charlie Wyn-de-Bank

I drove the Royal Train... one of the Queen's senior people comes down to get a cup of tea. He tells you roughly what will be going on at what time and to be a little bit careful, not to rock the train too much. Not too fast.

Bill Panter

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