



Alderbury Halt (Photo by Dave Bevis)

1846 - A trip on the new Salisbury and Bishopstoke Railway

Salisbury and Bishopstoke Railway

Mr. Locke has made a satisfactory report to the directors of this company of the state of the works.

Notice has been sent to the government inspector that he may name a day for surveying the line; and it is intended to open it on the first of January.

We hear that a droll practical joke was played off last week at Alderbury. When the train which brought down Mr. Locke and his party from Bishopstoke to Alderbury was upon the point of returning from the latter place, a large party of inhabitants solicited the favour of "an experimental trip" as far as Grimstead. This being assented to, a strong muster took place, so that the carriages, trucks, &c., were nearly filled. The steam having been got up, they soon arrived at Grimstead, where they requested to be put down; but no, the thing was declared to be out of the question, and the travellers were *carefully* conveyed to Romsey, and there left to "plod their weary way" back to the point from whence they started - Alderbury.

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