

BRIDGE COTTAGE

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OUR RAILWAY!

step out of your front door, turn right, go straight over the mini-roundabout & Bradford's 150 year old railway station is 25 metres on, on your left.

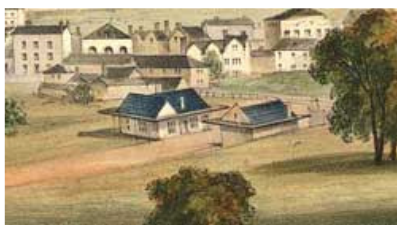
OUR CANAL

step out of your front door, turn left at the mini-roundabout, and the old pack-horse bridge & canal lock on the Kennet & Avon are just a two minute walk.

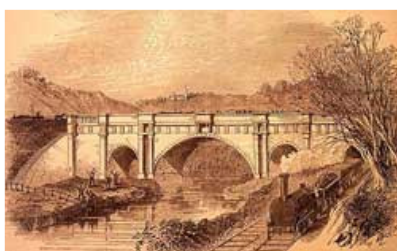


THE HEART OF WESSEX RAILWAY LINE

The Somerset and Weymouth Railway Company, had been formed in 1844 to create a link between Weymouth and Bathampton, with a branch line from this town to Staverton.



Work had started on the line by 1847. But the expense of creating the length of rail from Bathampton had been too much with its seven viaducts and two aqueducts. By 1850 the railway company was in liquidation. Elizabeth Tackle's print of 1850 shows the strange site of the station buildings standing without any tracks between them.



The line was finally completed and opened on February 2nd 1857 and the lower print shows the train passing through a tunnel under the Dundas Aqueduct.

If you'd like to read the full version of this article (and learn more about Bradford-on-Avon's history, click on the link below!)

[History of Bradford-on-Avon](#)

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The Heart of Wessex route runs from Bristol across south-west England to Weymouth on the Dorset coast. It's a multi-purpose route, taking people to work and pleasure - shopping in cities or country market towns, enjoying the colourful culture and historic heritage of the area, exploring villages and the countryside as well as the seaside at Weymouth.

[Train Information](#)

150th anniversary of town railway station

By [Charley Morgan](#)



A Pannier Tank Steam Engine

THE 150th anniversary of Bradford on Avon railway station was marked by the arrival of an historic steam train.

In a similar vein to 2006's Steam Back to Box celebrations, a Great Western Railway pannier tank engine was stationed by the car park for a weekend in July 2007.

The actual anniversary was in February and a host of events were planned to mark it. But an extra weekend of festivities was held in the summer when the weather was better!
from The Wiltshire Times

A train ride to Bath is great fun and passes through some of the loveliest countryside in the area - as well as saving the trouble of parking!

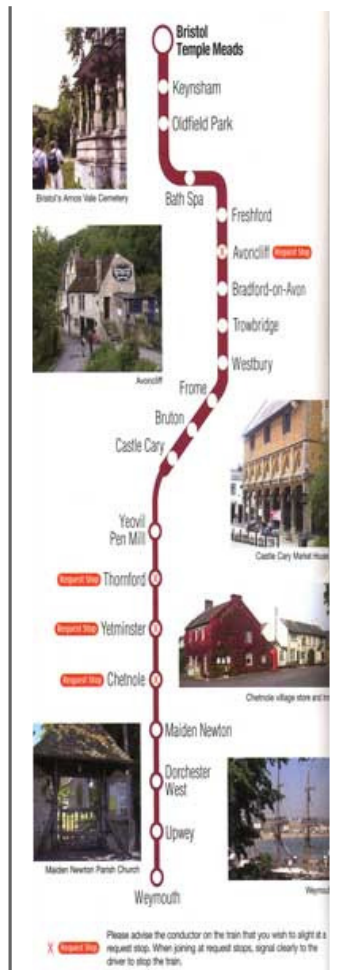
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THE KENNET & AVON CANAL

The railwayline to Bath often runs alongside the canal, and the tow-path along its length makes a lovely way to walk or cycle into the historic city. Of course, you could paddle in!



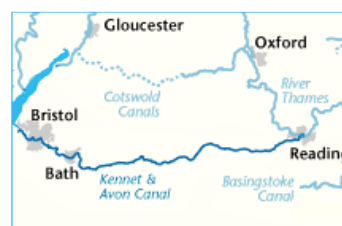
[Kennet & Avon Canal Trust](#)

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It's easy to visit the Kennet & Avon Canal. The website on the left will show you how to get there by train, bus, bike or foot. They have full details of the frequent and friendly services, plus suggestions for walks and bike rides along the canal.

The web-site on the right offers excellent maps & guides to places along the way.



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