

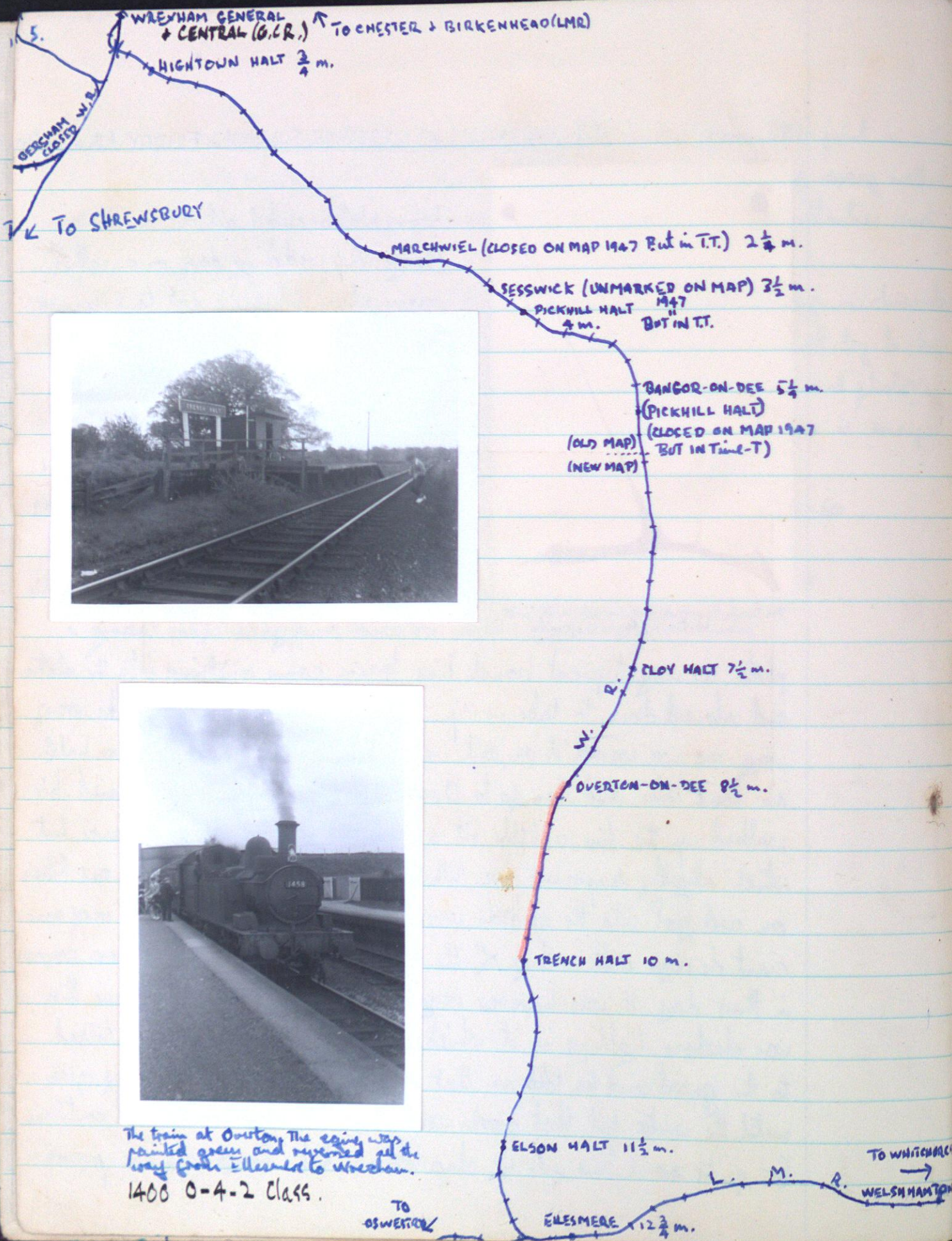
The WREXHAM & ELLESMERE BRANCH FRIDAY 6th May '60



The train approaching Trench Halt, with Robin Waters & bikes in foreground.

Robin Waters and I set off, on Princess Margaret's wedding day, on a rather vague plan. When we got to Ellesmere we had an ice, but as there seemed to nothing doing there, we made on for Overton where Robin has an aunt and uncle. Naturally when we crossed the line at Trench Halt I was interested to go and have a look at the platform, timetable and so on. This we did and just after taking a

photo, a very typical branch line train came rushing into the station and slowed down to take us up. Unfortunately it was going the wrong way so we waved it on, but we decided to wait for its return half an hour later and then go to Overton as it was so quaint. We walked up the line a little bit and saw a rebuilt maintenance hut which slightly surprised me. When the train came in we piled our bikes on and got into the guards-van section. The coach was of very ancient design with many of the remains of Victorian frills so common in their day. It was however very early G.W.R. in fact because there was electric lighting in it which the Cambrian never had. I talked to the guard and he told me that he thought the line would stay open until the winter, but that goods was very profitable and would continue for quite some time yet. He also told me that, though only one person



The train at Overton. The engine was painted green and repainted all the way from Ellesmere to Wrexham.
1400 0-4-2 Class.

other than ourselves was on our particular train, there were sometimes 30 or 20 people on a Saturday. Apparently the bus service is being defrequentated so the line may serve a better purpose. There is at present a service of 8 trains a day each way (Table 161) and there are sometimes two coaches, one with first class, running on Saturdays. There are no trains on Sundays.

HISTORY

Table 161

WREXHAM and ELLESMERE

WEEK DAYS ONLY—(Second class only)

Miles		am	am	am	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm														
	Wrexham (Central)...	dep	7 40	9 35	11 5	1 20	3 25	5 3	6 35	9 0															
2 1/2	Hightown Halt...		7 43	9 38	11 8	1 23	3 28	5 6	6 38	9 3															
3 1/2	Marchwiel ...		7 46	9 41	11 11	1 26	3 31	5 9	6 41	9 6															
3 3/4	Sesswick Halt...		7 50	9 45	11 15	1 30	3 35	5 13	6 45	9 10															
4	Pickhill Halt...		7 52	9 47	11 17	1 32	3 37	5 15	6 47	9 12															
5 1/4	Bangor-on-Dee ...		7 58	9 50	11 20	1 35	3 40	5 19	6 50	9 15															
7 1/4	Cloy Halt ...		8 2	9 55	11 25	1 40	3 45	5 24	6 55	9 20															
8 1/2	Overton-on-Dee ...		8 10	9 57	11 28	1 43	3 48	5 27	6 58	9 23															
10	Trench Halt...		8 14	10 2	11 32	1 47	3 52	5 31	7 2	9 27															
11 1/4	Elson Halt...		8 19	10 6	11 37	1 52	3 56	5 34	7 7	9 31															
12 1/2	Ellesmere...	arr	8 23	10 9	11 40	1 55	3 59	5 37	7 10	9 34															
23 1/2	184Whitchurch ...	arr	9 0		12 12	2 40	4 46	6 12	7 51	10 14															
20 1/2	184Oswestry ...		8 50	10 37		2 55	5 5	6 47	7 43	10 11															
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1 1/2	Elson Halt...		8 38 53	10 23	11 58	2 43	4 23	5 53	7 28																
2 1/2	Trench Halt...		8 78 57	10 27	12 2	2 47	4 27	5 57	7 32																
3 1/2	Overton-on-Dee ...		8 129 0	10 30	12 7	2 50	4 30	6 0	7 35																
4 1/2	Cloy Halt ...		8 159 3	10 33	12 10	2 53	4 33	6 3	7 38																
5 1/2	Bangor-on-Dee ...		8 209 8	10 38	12 15	2 58	4 38	6 8	7 43																
7 1/2	Pickhill Halt...		8 259 12	10 42	12 19	3 2	4 42	6 12	7 47																
9 1/2	Sesswick Halt...		8 279 14	10 44	12 21	3 4	4 44	6 14	7 49																
10 1/2	Marchwiel ...		8 309 18	10 48	12 25	3 8	4 48	6 18	7 53																
12	Hightown Halt...		8 359 22	10 52	12 29	3 12	4 52	6 22	7 57																
12 1/2	Wrexham (Central)...	arr	8 389 25	10 55	12 32	3 15	4 55	6 25	8 0																

W Second class only
 S Saturdays only
 Z Second class only. On Saturdays First and Second class

† Except Saturdays and School Holidays

Winter Time-table 1959-60.