

BOOK REVIEW

‘Chronicles of Croesor Crossing’ by Richard Maund ISBN 978 1 906205 39 3

Much mystery and many assumptions have surrounded the history and operation of the level crossing in Portmadoc where the Cambrian Coast line intersected the narrow gauge Croesor Tramway, later to be incorporated into the Welsh Highland Railway. Using a range of original sources, some previously untapped, Richard Maund has here set out to trace the story of this crossing and to unravel some of its intrigue.

His 27-page booklet includes much of signalling interest and is furnished with pertinent illustrations, including a dozen historical photographs, and a detailed set of documentary references. This is the most comprehensive treatise to date about this fascinating location, carefully researched, well told and attractively presented. At a very modest price, it adds considerably to our knowledge of an area where interconnecting railway lines once abounded. Amazingly this particular crossing has recently been recreated for a new life in the 21st century.

Edward Dorricott.

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