



A song for Edmondson

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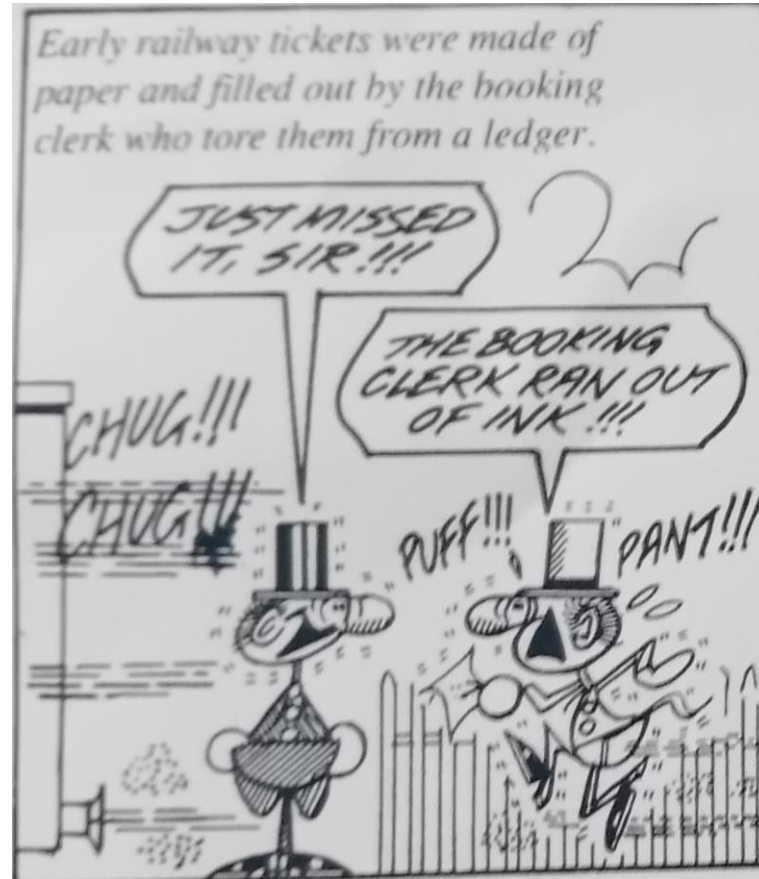




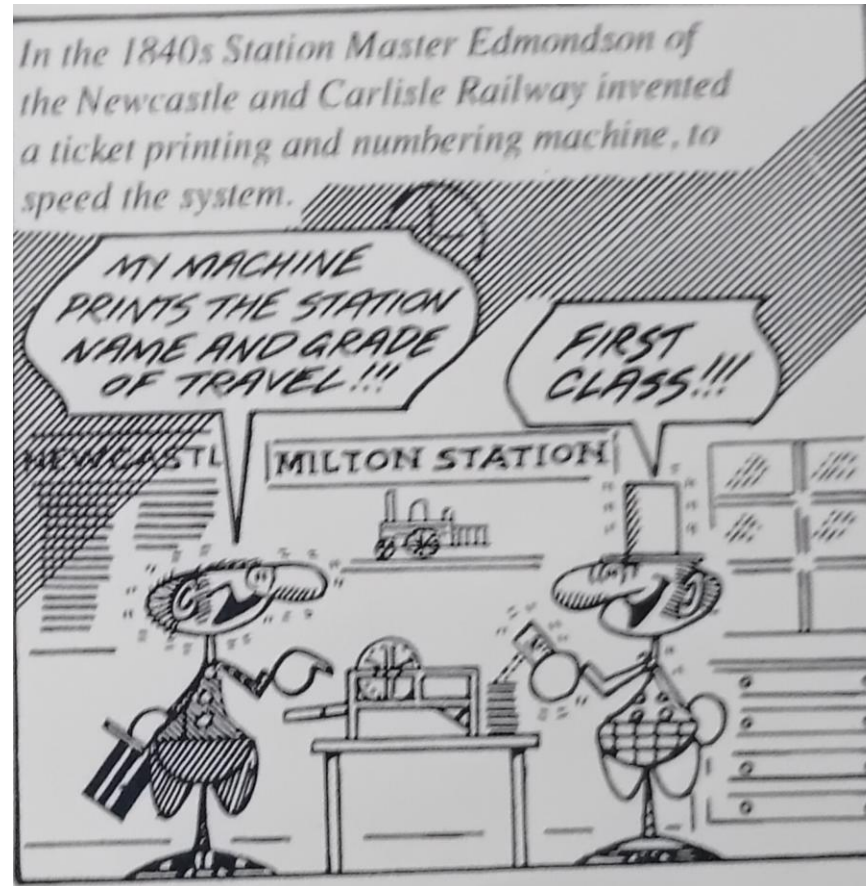
Who was Edmondson?

- Thomas – first Station Master at Milton (now Brampton in Cumbria)
- A member of the Society of Friends (a Quaker)
- A cabinet maker
- Inventor of the railway ticket!

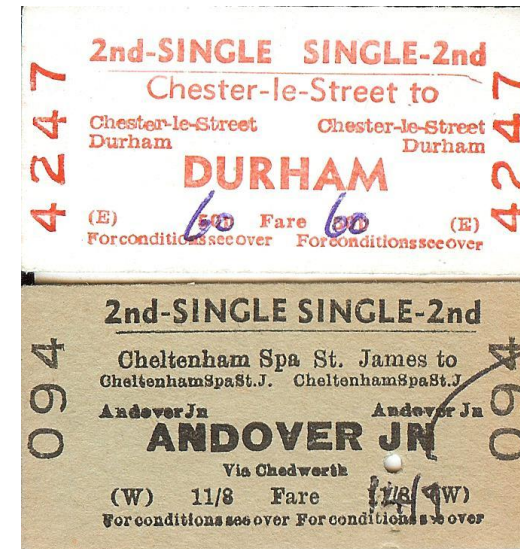
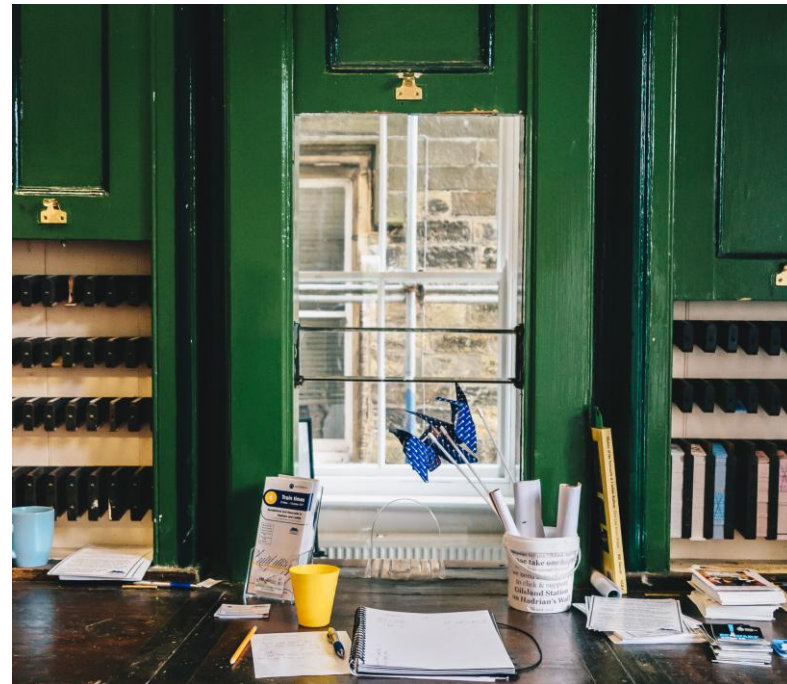
Tickets pre- Edmondson



Edmondson's invention



Edmondson Tickets

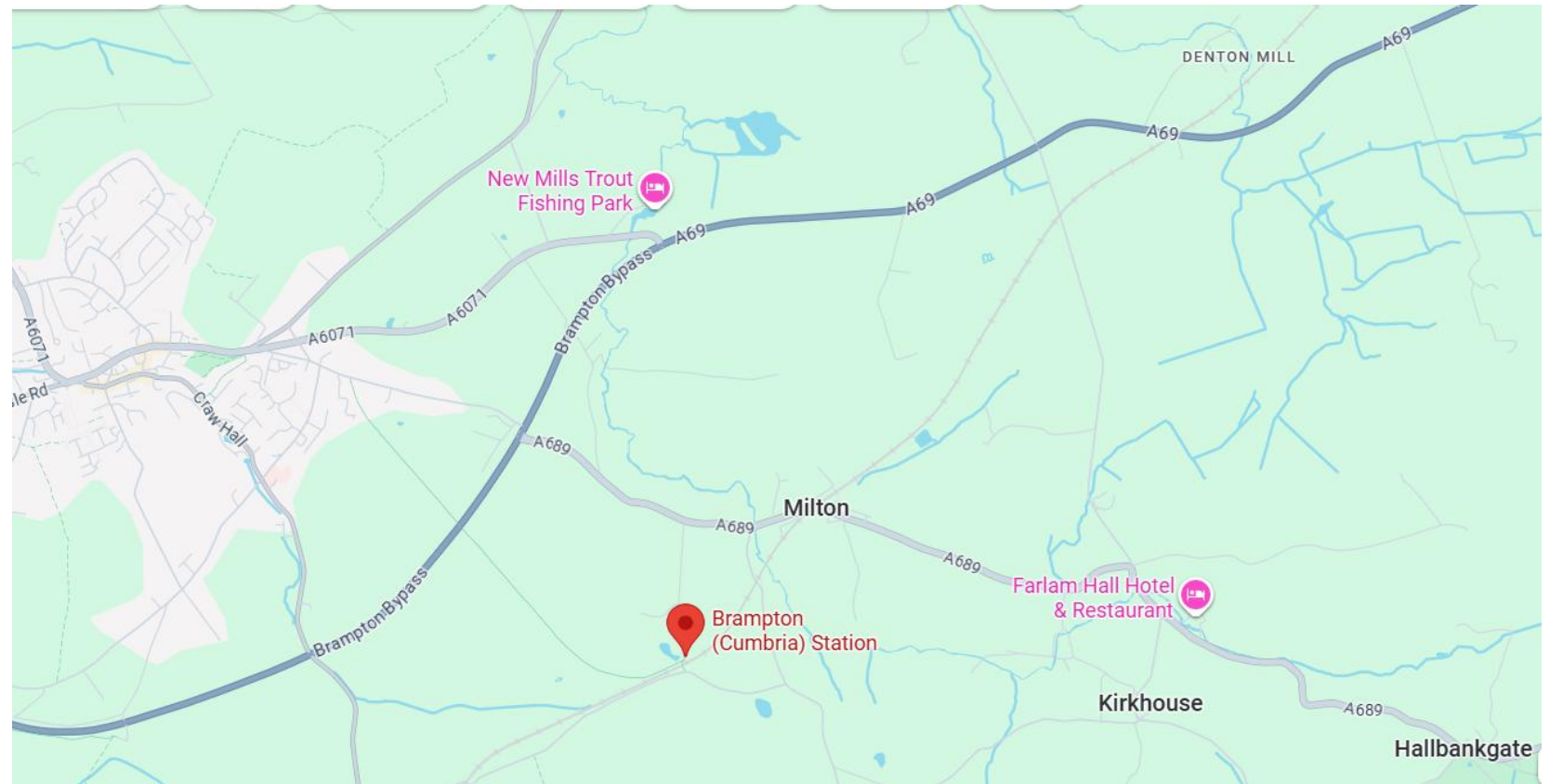




What did we do?

- Hallbankgate Village School
- Lanercost C of E Primary (Station Adopters)
- Gareth and Bronwen from www.howaythelasses.com/

Brampton Station



What happened

- Song writing sessions with the children
- Visit to Haltwhistle to study Edmondson's invention
- Professional sound recordist in school
- Lanercost's song focused on the distance between town and station
- Performance in Lanercost Priory



Teacher reaction

At Hallbankgate Village School we have two curriculums: the National Curriculum and our THRIVE Curriculum, where we take part in and deliver learning activities that enhance what we offer our children and really mean that children THRIVE in our school. Our participation in the Railway 200 celebrations has aligned with our THRIVE at Hallbankgate curriculum:

T- stands for Togetherness and our local community. Together, through the project, we have had the opportunity to learn about more about local rail heritage and a local figure who went on to revolutionise rail transport.

H- Health and wellbeing and of course, singing makes us feel good! Every time Gareth and Bronnie visited our school or we told the children that they would be visiting, we had children (and staff) singing in every corner of our school! This project also allowed us the opportunity to apply some of the features of the musical genre we'd be learning about in school – you'll have to see if you can spot it!

R- Reaching for the Stars. Through this project, not only have children learnt about Edmondson and his legacy, they have seen that one small idea can revolutionise and change not just their local area but worldwide systems and processes. Perhaps one day, they'll have an idea that can change their local area or beyond.

I- Inspiring others and we have been so incredibly lucky to have the opportunity be inspired by Gareth and Bronnie's musical talents, but also the talents and skills of Dee our sound engineer who recorded us singing our song and to all of the production team here tonight- who knows, perhaps this event will pique the interest of one of children and a career in music and media might be the path that they choose.

V- Values and ethos. Through this project, we have seen real life examples of how one man's curiosity, perseverance and imagination changed the ticketing world and finally;

E- Environment. Thanks to Fiona and her team at the Tyne Valley Rail Community Partnership, we have had the opportunity to travel by train and learn more about sustainable and more environmentally friendly travel.

We cannot thank Gareth, Bronnie, Fiona, Mrs Clarricoats and everyone else involved for making this such a wonderful learning experience and I think you'll agree that this project really has helped the children at Hallbankgate Village School THRIVE in their learning.



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Social Media reaction



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Railway 200 Steering Group Member

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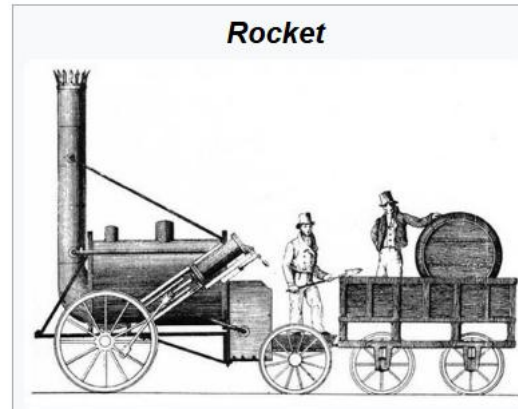
Just the ticket. When I embarked on this Railway 200 crusade two years ago I could never have dreamt of such a charming outcome. [#Railway200](#) is about the Past, the Present and the Future. Here are our future, learning about and celebrating our proud railway past and presenting it in THE most charming manner. Enjoy....

What's next...

From December 2025, an
hourly service at Brampton!
... if you have wellies...



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Celebrity to coal to
preservation



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