

## **Fowler and Friends get Go-ahead at Erwood**

**Friends of Erwood Station have just heard that they have succeeded in winning a grant to cosmetically renovate the Diesel train Fowler 0-4-0, and provide an in-depth historical interpretation board about Erwood Station.**

Work on the diesel will begin in the forthcoming months, and Michael Cunningham of Erwood Station Gallery and Craft Centre is inviting any willing helpers out there to 'get your gloves on and put your names down to be involved'. Great for train enthusiasts, young peoples' CVs and those who enjoy a bit of team work and hard graft.

The locomotive (a Fowler 0-4-0 with a Maclaren 8 engine) has been at Erwood Station since 1988. The restoration should be completed by September and the full project including an interpretation board about the history of the station will be completed by April next year, making visits to Erwood station even more special.

The money enabling the project was granted by 'Glasu' the Powys organisation based in Builth Wells, part funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and part by the European Union.

Friends of Erwood station was set up to help manage and restore the old Station; decisions such as 'locomotive renovation' are made at Friends of Erwood meetings, discussed and carried out if agreed. £2000 has been raised for this project alone and the Friends continue to raise money and all donations are warmly accepted. To get involved in the locomotive restoration or the restoration of other railway memorabilia at Erwood or to become a member of Friends of Erwood Station and contribute to future projects, ideas/proposals, refurbishment or upkeep of the old Station at Erwood e: [friends@erwood-station.co.uk](mailto:friends@erwood-station.co.uk)

The Friends take part in many activities including our 'Green Gym'.

### **Breathtaking Photographs**

The New Exhibition at Erwood Station Craft Centre - Digital Photography, by Ian Nicholson 2<sup>nd</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August, will be an astonishing display of local scenery and unseen trails. Ian Nicholson's photographs have caught the breath of many and he promises to be at the gallery in person for dates e: [mc@erwood-station.co.uk](mailto:mc@erwood-station.co.uk). Mr. Nicholson will be taking commissions and is available for Photography classes as well as on hand to show how he works with his images.

### **ERWOOD STATION CRAFT CENTRE AND GALLERY**

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**6 miles south of Builth Wells just off the A470 (on the B4567) 10am - 5.30 7 days a week, over 70 local artists, Please phone ahead for group outings. t: 01982 560 674 / txt 07920067705**

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