

Full steam ahead for renewal of railway station



Signalmaster Percy Evans was based in St Clears railway station for just over 50 years.

THE St Clears train station is under consideration for renewal.

With its long history of local transport, and its role in the war, many have personal ties to the station.

A local man recalls his father's time working at the station.

Percy Evans was a signalmaster based in St Clears railway station for just over 50 years, from 1934, until the station was shut down in 1964.

His son Gerald recalls the 'shift' routine which his father with two signalmasters worked; mornings six until two, afternoons two until ten, and nights ten until six.

Gerald said: "We lived at 5 Station Road so we were

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in walking distance of the station, although our father cycled to work."

His bike can be seen under the 'box' steps.

"The sidings brought coal and a variety of goods, and once a week cattle from the mart would be kept in the station pens awaiting their destination by train.

"Their mooing could be heard all night long at times!

"I remember the evacuees arriving in the war years with their individual labels, and children travelling to Whitland grammar school.



"The mail train was usually given priority over others and would whistle through the station, as well as the fish train from Milford Haven.

"Following many years of campaigning by many past and present individuals it is hoped that when

the station is up and running it will be well supported."

"I am very excited to learn of the possibility of the station being built on the demolished site, and would love to be one of the first passengers to catch a train there."