

A collection of news stories affecting our community during 2013. As of New Year, 2020 we note our community will be liable to a higher tax burned for HS2 than it would cost to build a much-needed railway station at the centre of our community and the Pontcysyllte WHS. Therefore, we object to HS2, or as we call it the "Welsh Bypass". Furthermore, our railway line (Marchers) offers a viable alternative to the main West Coast Line as the former Wrexham & Shropshire Service proved before closure in 2010. We ask, why not use this to alleviate congestion on the main West Coastline, which would literally save billions of pounds.

The Blue & Green Tomorrow 20th December 2013

HS2 shows 'shocking disregard' for nature, says Woodland Trust

<http://blueandgreentomorrow.com/2013/12/20/hs2-shows-shocking-disregard-for-nature-says-woodland-trust/>

The Leicester Mercury 20th December 2013

Forget HS2, we need clean, affordable railways

<http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/Forget-HS2-need-clean-affordable-railways/story-20347112-detail/story.html>

The Express and Star 21st December 2013

HS2 objection to be submitted, an official objection to the second phase of the HS2 rail link will be submitted by Staffordshire County Council chiefs who are putting the finishing touches to the document.

<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/2013/12/17/hs2-objection-to-be-submitted/>

The Oxford Times 19th December 2013

High speed line 'threat to habitats'

http://www.oxfordtimes.co.uk/leisure/outdoor/10889787.High_speed_line_threat_to_habitats/

The Leader Live 18th December 2013

Hundreds descend on Cefn Mawr for festival

<http://www.leaderlive.co.uk/news/129253/hundreds-descend-on-cefn-mawr-for-festival.aspx>

The Transport Extra 18th December 2013

Legal battle over release of critical HS2 reports

http://www.transportextra.com/magazines/local_transport_today/news/?id=36661

North Wales news 17th December 2013

Hundreds descend on Cefn Mawr for festival

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/129253/hundreds-descend-on-cefn-mawr-for-festival.aspx>

North Wales News 12th December 2013

Santas' kickstart for cancer charity as Froncysyllte group get on their bikes

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/129135/santas-kickstart-for-cancer-charity-as-froncysyllte-group-get-on-their-bikes.aspx>

The Engineer 13th December 2013

Should China invest in HS2? Another insult to British Industry?

<http://www.theengineer.co.uk/opinion/last-weeks-poll-should-china-invest-in-hs2/1017657.article>

BBC News 2nd December 2013

Musician falls in Llangollen Canal trying to rescue saxophone

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-north-east-wales-25192357>

Voice of Russia 26th November 2013

HS2 protest outside Parliament: "HS2 is Otter Madness"

http://voiceofrussia.com/uk/news/2013_11_25/HS2-protest-outside-Parliament-HS2-is-Otter-Madness-6130/

The Independent 26th November 2013

Donald Macintyre's Sketch: The final word on HS2 (plus about 20 million others, too)

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/donald-macintyres-sketch-the-final-word-on-hs2-plus-about-20-million-others-too-8963321.html>

The Daily Mail 26th November 2013

Fury as Government's environmental case for HS2 runs to massive 50,000 pages - with just 60 days to read an entire forest, **Think before you print!**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2513359/HS2-environmental-report-runs-50k-pages-just-60-days-read-it.html>

The Telegraph 24th November 2013

'HS2? Its £50bn wasted on a silly line for tycoons, writer Frederick Forsyth attacks the errors in judgment which have cost the Tories his vote

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/road-and-rail-transport/10470092/HS2-Its-50bn-wasted-on-a-silly-line-for-tycoons.html>

The Bucks Herald 23rd November 2013

Story behind the OTHER rail plan in Bucks

<http://www.bucksherald.co.uk/news/more-news/story-behind-the-other-rail-plan-in-bucks-1-5698541>

News North Wales 20th November 2013

HSBC Llangollen bank customers in closure protest, just like Cefn Mawr all over again!

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/128442/llangollen-bank-customers-in-closure-protest.aspx>

Shropshire Star 17th November 2013

Subsidence fears as cracks appear in road alongside Llangollen Canal

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2013/11/15/subsidence-fears-as-cracks-appear-in-road-alongside-llangollen-canal/>

News North Wales 15th November 2013

Wrexham boy offers help after Typhoon

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/128309/wrexham-boy-offers-help-after-typhoon.aspx>

BBC News 14th November 2013

Direct Shrewsbury-to-London train services to restart

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-shropshire-24937075>

News North Wales 14th November 2013

Llangollen included in ambitious plans to transform canals in Wales

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/128284/llangollen-included-in-ambitious-plans-to-transform-canals-in-wales.aspx>

Wales on Line 13th November 2013

Wales' canals bid to become world class tourist attractions

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/wales-canals-bid-become-world-6301765>

BBC News Wales 12th November 2013

Philippines typhoon: Wrexham mother's concern for son, 14

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-24914695>

North Wales News 12th December 2013

Cefn Mawr mum's fears for son stuck in typhoon-hit Philippines village

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/128174/cefn-mawr-mum-s-fears-for-son-stuck-in-typhoon-hit-philippines-village.aspx>

ITV 11TH November 2013

MPs quiz Transport Secretary over HS2 claims

<http://www.itv.com/news/meridian/update/2013-11-11/mps-quiz-transport-secretary-over-hs2-claims/>

The Scotsman 6th November 2013

HS2 alternative that makes sense

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/letters/hs2-alternative-1-3175033>

BBC News 5th November 2013

Virgin renews bid for Shrewsbury to London direct rail service

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-shropshire-24827337>

The Wirral Globe 5th November 2013

HS2 must be stopped

http://www.wirralglobe.co.uk/yoursay/wirralletters/10785998.HS2_must_be_stopped/

The Northwich Guardian 30th October 2013

Use the £40 billion about to be squandered on the daft HS2 idea to fund our own power stations, be they nuclear or oil powered. As for the incinerator to be built ...

http://www.northwichguardian.co.uk/yoursay/letters/10772416.Keep_power_stations_away/

StockMarketWire.com 31st October 2013

70% of IoD members say HS2 will have no impact on business

<http://www.stockmarketwire.com/article/4695716/70pct-of-IoD-members-say-HS2-will-have-no-impact-on-business.html>

The Yorkshire Post 31st October 2013

Spin and hot air hides the impact of HS2

<http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/debate/letters/spin-and-hot-air-hides-the-impact-of-hs2-1-6196264>

The Daily Post 30th October 2013

HS2: Plaid Cymru say there will be no benefit for North Wales

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/hs2-plaid-cymru-say-no-625390>

North Wales News 29th October 2013

Children at Cefn Mawr school prove they have the X-factor

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/127743/children-at-cefn-mawr-school-prove-they-have-the-x-factor.aspx>

The Daily Mail 28th October 2013

Railway line shut by Beeching 'can save us £36bn': Critics put forward alternative route using track closed in the 1960s

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2478093/Railway-line-shut-Beeching-save-36bn-Critics-forward-alternative-route-using-track-closed-1960s.html>

The Telegraph 27th October 2013

HS2: Labour to examine cheaper rival plan. More trouble for HS2 as Labour MP says a rival route would be cheaper

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/conservative/10406859/HS2-Labour-to-examine-cheaper-rival-plan.html>

The Cornishman 25th October 2013

West Country rail users 'angry' as HS2 costs rack up

<http://www.thisiscornwall.co.uk/West-rail-users-angry-HS2-costs-rack-up/story-19985666-detail/story.html#axzz2ikLsdY3Y>

Wales On Line 24th October 2013

Welsh Government insists Wales has been allocated £35m as result of HS2 spending, but what will it loose???

<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/welsh-government-insists-wales-been-6236349>

BBC News 24th October 2013

Conflict over High Speed 2 rail extra cash for Wales

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-politics-24648153>

ITV.com 19th October 2013

UK cities 'could lose £220m' over HS2 rail project

<http://www.itv.com/news/update/2013-10-19/uk-cities-could-lose-220m-over-hs2-rail-project/>

BBC News 19th October 2013

The Welsh, Bypass HS2 and more depression for Wales

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-24593737>

Bucks Free Press 18th October 2013

HS2 is environmentally damaging

http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/news/10746424.Unarguable_HS2_is_environmentally_damaging_court_told/

Coventry Telegraph 15th October 2013

Top cop's five-hour rail journey sparks HS2 fury

<http://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/coventry-news/top-cop-ron-balls-five-hour-6186745>

City AM 14th October 2013

HS2 protesters take fight to the Supreme Court

http://www.cityam.com/article/1381718996/hs2-protesters-take-fight-supreme-court?utm_source=website&utm_medium=TD_news_headlines_right_col&utm_campaign=TD_news_headlines_right_col

London Loves Business 2nd October 2013

What HS2's £50bn could really buy us - we do the maths

<http://www.londonlovesbusiness.com/business-news/london-transport/what-hs2s-50bn-could-really-buy-us-we-do-the-maths/6387.article>

BBC 2nd October 2013

Why Shrewsbury misses the train to London

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-24335227>

The Times 23rd September 2013

In its short life, the Wrexham and Shropshire Railway sought to recreate the best of rail travel including an 'old fashioned' buffet car

http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/letters/article3876063.ece?CMP=OTH-gnws-standard-2013_09_22

The Telegraph 16th September 2013

Our railways are still on the wrong track

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/road-and-rail-transport/10308806/Our-railways-are-still-on-the-wrong-track.html>

Warrington Guardian 16th September 2013

County unites to say no to HS2

http://www.warringtonguardian.co.uk/news/10670937.County_unites_to_say_no_to_HS2/?ref=nt

The Telegraph 14th September 2013

Lord Berkeley, chairman of the Rail Freight Group, attacked the Government and HS2 Ltd for “bulldozing through” a badly-designed project which “just doesn't ...

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/road-and-rail-transport/10309863/HS2-will-clog-up-the-rail-system-warns-freight-expert.html>

The Scotsman 14th September 2013

No value in HS2

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/letters/no-value-in-hs2-1-3083644>

BBC News 4th September 2013

Pressure for direct Shrewsbury to London services to restart

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-shropshire-23956908>

The Leader 3rd September 2013

Plans unveiled for Llangollen to stage multi-sport festival.....

<http://leaderlive.co.uk/news/126174/plans-unveiled-for-llangollen-to-stage-multi-sport-festival.aspx>

News North Wales 3rd September 2013

Green light for Wrexham jobs boost

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/126090/green-light-for-wrexham-jobs-boost.aspx>

The Shropshire Star 2nd September 2013

Petition for Shrewsbury to London rail service gets 4,000 signatures.....a real alternative to the London – Birmingham HS2 link at a fraction of the cost....

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-shropshire-23926546>

North Wales News 2nd September 2013

Day filled with animal magic down on Cefn Mawr farm

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/126077/day-filled-with-animal-magic-down-on-cefn-mawr-farm.aspx>

The Leader 2nd September 2013

Day filled with animal magic down on Cefn Mawr farm

<http://www.leaderlive.co.uk/news/126077/day-filled-with-animal-magic-down-on-cefn-mawr-farm.aspx>

Bolton News 2nd September 2013

Historic steam power brings crowds to Bolton station – Not HS2

http://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/bolton/10647574.Historic_steam_power_brings_crowds_to_Bolton_station/?ref=nt

Llanglogger 30th August 2013

The Mayor of Llangollen, Cllr Robert Lube, accepts Cittaslow Accreditation from representatives of the organisation in Mold. LLANGOLLEN has just officially become part of a select worldwide community dedicated to safeguarding precious resources.

<http://plaskynastoncanalgroup.org/news-1/llangollen-news/>

Shropshire Star 30th August 2013

Rail service on track nine out of 10 times. Train punctuality in Shropshire and Mid Wales is bucking the national trend with almost nine out of 10 services on time, new statistics showed today.

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/transport-news/2013/08/30/rail-service-on-track-nine-out-of-10-times/>

Shropshire Star 30th August 2013

Wem has hopes of being a direct London rail link stop

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2013/08/30/wem-has-hopes-of-being-a-direct-london-rail-link-stop/>

Shropshire Star 30th August 2013

A little imagination is all it will take to see benefits of rail link.....

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/letters/2013/08/30/letter-a-little-imagination-is-all-it-will-take-to-see-benefits-of-rail-link/>

Daily Post 29th August 2013

Deeside Industrial Park chairman calls for HS2 rail link to be scrapped, money better spent on regional rail, like Wrexham to Liverpool link.....

<http://www.dailypost.co.uk/business/business-news/deeside-industrial-park-chairman-calls-5814421?tabPane=Comments>

Shropshire Star 29th August 2013

No case for HS2 project, Older, wiser people were trained to “live within your means”. Unfortunately George Osborne obviously was not told this!

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/transport-news/2013/08/29/letter-no-case-for-hs2-project/>

Shropshire Star 29th August 2013

More than 2,600 readers have now signed up to the Shropshire Star’s campaign calling for a direct rail link to London to be reinstated.

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/transport-news/2013/08/29/2600-sign-shropshire-star-london-rail-petition/>

Shropshire Star 28th August 2013

Work has begun on the £10.5 million upgrade of railway tracks between Shrewsbury and Wrexham.

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/transport-news/2013/08/28/work-starts-on-shrewsbury-to-wrexham-rail-line-upgrade/>

Buck Free Press 28th August 2013

Date set for HS2 Supreme Court appeal

[http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/newS/10637866.Date set for HS2 Supreme Court appeal](http://www.bucksfreepress.co.uk/newS/10637866.Date_set_for_HS2_Supreme_Court_appeal/)
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South West Business 28th August 2013

Peter Livingstone, IOD chairman for Somerset: HS2 rail link billions would be better spent elsewhere

<http://www.southwestbusiness.co.uk/opinion/28082013074949-peter-livingstone--iod-chairman-for-somerset--hs2-rail-link-billions-would-be-better-spent-elsewhere/>

Independent 26th August 2013

The HS2 sums just don't add up. If Labour formally abandons HS2, investors will shy away from it as well.....

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/editorials/the-hs2-sums-just-dont-add-up-8784222.html>

Express & Star 26th August 2013

Taxpayers' cash used to promote HS2 case

<http://www.expressandstar.com/news/2013/08/26/taxpayers-cash-used-to-promote-hs2-case/>

The Guardian 25th August 2013

HS2 is certainly not for northerners' benefit. The way to build up the north is to improve rail links between its towns. Trains to London are fast enough already

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/aug/25/hs2-trains-northerners>

The Telegraph 25th August 2013

Pump money into the railways... but not HS2, this makes very good sense read it.....like the GWR Line.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/comment/liamhalligan/10264032/Liam-Halligan-Pump-money-into-the-railways...-but-not-HS2.html>

BBC News Wales 24th August 2013

Rail disruption warning as viaduct work to last a week but will help upgrade service

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-23816106>

Daily Mail 24th August 2013

Rail network could fall apart because £70bn HS2 line will drain money away from rest of the network, says Alistair Darling

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2401255/Rail-network-fall-apart-70bn-HS2-line-drain-money-away-rest-network-says-Alistair-Darling.html>

The Telegraph 24th August 2013

Tory peer Lord Ashcroft calls on David Cameron to 'scrap' HS2. Pressure is growing on David Cameron to abandon the controversial HS2 rail project after a senior Conservative peer called on him to "scrap it now".

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/road-and-rail-transport/10263360/Tory-peer-Lord-Ashcroft-calls-on-David-Cameron-to-scrap-HS2.html>

Shropshire Star 24th August 2013

Thousands of Shropshire Star readers are backing our campaign to get the county's rail link to London reinstated.

<http://www.shropshirestar.com/news/2013/08/22/star-readers-back-shropshire-to-london-rail-campaign-in-thousands/>

EADT24 20th August 2013

East Anglia Business calls for rail boost from government as transport secretary Patrick McLoughlin heads east as a more viable option than HS2

http://www.eadt.co.uk/news/east_anglia_business_calls_for_rail_boost_from_government_as_transport_secretary_patrick_mcloughlin_heads_east_1_2344334

The Daily Mail 19th August 2013

HS2 link 'could cost every family £3,000 and defies economic logic': Senior Tories braced for revolt after estimated cost rises to £80bn

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2396790/HS2-link-cost-families-3-000-defies-economic-logic.html>

ITV.com News 19th August 2013

HS2: 'Crescendo of opposition getting louder'

<http://www.itv.com/news/update/2013-08-18/hs2-crescendo-of-opposition-getting-louder/>

BBC News 18th August 2013

HS2 rail project 'could cost taxpayer £80bn'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23744814>

The Guardian 18th August 2013

HS2 should be scrapped before budget soars to £80bn, warns thinktank

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/aug/18/hs2-rail-budget-80bn-iea-report>

ITV.com News 18th August 2013

HS2 Costs could soar in controversial rail project to 80 billion

<http://www.itv.com/news/anglia/update/2013-08-18/costs-could-soar-in-controversial-rail-project/>

The Telegraph 17th August 2013

High speed rail scheme cost to double to £80bn, economists warn

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/10249815/High-speed-rail-scheme-cost-to-double-to-80bn-economists-warn.html>

The Telegraph 16th August 2013

Stretch of 8th century Offa's Dyke flattened

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/10246591/Stretch-of-8th-century-Offas-Dyke-flattened.html>

Camden New Journal 15th August 2013

Rail pioneer Robert Stephenson's "last surviving masterpiece" faces axe in HS2 plan
<http://www.camdennewjournal.com/news/2013/aug/rail-pioneer-robert-stephensons-last-surviving-masterpiece-faces-axe-hs2-plan>

News North Wales 6th August 2013

Big housing scheme for Johnstown brickworks site
<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/125309/big-housing-scheme-for-johnstown-brickworks-site.aspx>

Shropshire Star 1st August 2013

Network Rail fouled up the prospect of a return of Shropshire's direct rail link to London, the county's remaining hope was that an appeal to the referee would prevail.
<http://www.shropshirestar.com/lifestyle/blogs/daily-blog/2013/08/01/star-comment-direct-rail-link-hopes-are-dashed/>

Property Week 30th July 2013

Camden Council will take HS2 challenge to the Supreme Court Property Week News
<http://www.propertyweek.com/news/camden-council-will-take-hs2-challenge-to-the-supreme-court/5058547.article>

Stop HS2 29th July 2013

HS2 will save far less than 1% of long distance road trips
<http://stophs2.org/news/8965-tiny-fraction-long-distance-road>

Kenilworth Weekly News 26th July 2013

Protestors defiant as HS2 appeal is rejected and will now proceed to Supreme Court
<http://www.kenilworthweeklynews.co.uk/news/local/protestors-defiant-as-hs2-appeal-is-rejected-1-5322101>

The Times 25th July 2013

Fix the potholes, improve existing railways, build a third runway at Heathrow. And there will still be money left over. This is an article about a railway, but it begins ...
http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/columnists/article3824503.ece?CMP=OTH-gnws-standard-2013_07_24

Chester Chronicle 24th July 2013

Protection for North Cheshire green belt urged in draft local plan
<http://www.chesterchronicle.co.uk/news/chester-cheshire-news/protection-north-cheshire-green-belt-5313721>

The Free Press 24th July 2013

£350k grant success to revamp the chain bridge
<http://www.denbighshirefreepress.co.uk/news/124928/-350k-grant-success-to-revamp-the-chain-bridge.aspx>

24 Dash.com News 24th July 2013

Court of Appeal dismisses councils' attempt to block HS2

http://www.24dash.com/news/local_government/2013-07-24-Court-of-Appeal-dismisses-councils-attempt-to-block-HS2

ITV.com News 24th July 2013

The way people on Phase 2 of HS2 were not consulted on the principle of HS2 in 2011 may not have been illegal, but it was immoral. In the same way, the cursory glance which has been given to the environmental destruction HS2 would cause might not be ...

<http://www.itv.com/news/calendar/update/2013-07-24/hs2-judicial-review-ruling-due/>

The Coventry Telegraph 22nd July 2013

County council blasts HS2 report, says it has been 'rushed through'

<http://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/coventry-news/county-council-blasts-hs2-report-5169812>

Lancashire Evening Post 22nd July 2013

A senior politician for the region believes the proposed HS2 high-speed rail link needs rethinking.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/traffic-travel/high-speed-link-needs-rethinking-1-5877704>

ITV.com News 21st July 2013

'Since it was first announced, the costs have escalated relentlessly,' the article reads. 'It now looks as if HS2 will cost £50billion — nearly **£2,000 for every household in Britain for a railway only one to two per cent of the population will use.**'

<http://www.itv.com/news/meridian/update/2013-07-21/kent-mp-opposes-second-high-speed-plan/>

Cheshire Today 21st July 2013

MEP in High Speed Two U turn

http://www.thisischeshire.co.uk/news/10559235.MEP_in_High_Speed_Two_U_turn/

The Telegraph 20th July 2013

HS2 - A first-class folly of misty-eyed rail romantics.....

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/comment/10192440/HS2-is-not-the-right-way-to-spend-50bn.html>

The Telegraph 19th July 2013

The case for the High Speed Rail train link between London, Birmingham and the north of England is yet to be made, according to Vince Cable.....

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/10191474/Vince-Cable-Case-for-HS2-still-to-be-made.html>

News North Wales 18th July 2013

Grant success for Llangollen chain bridge revamp

<http://www.newsnorthwales.co.uk/news/124753/grant-success-for-llangollen-chain-bridge-revamp.aspx>

BBC News 18th July 2013

Llangollen chain bridge restoration gets £350,000 lottery grant
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-north-east-wales-23359384>

The Times 18th July 2013

If the high-speed rail project goes ahead, the rest of the network must not be neglected, or the rate of accidents is bound to increase
http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/letters/article3818677.ece?CMP=OTH-gnws-standard-2013_07_17

EMF Technology 14th July 2013

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct Searchlight show for Pontfest 2013!
<http://www.emftechnology.co.uk/blog/searchlight-show-for-pontfest-2013/>

Pontcysyllte Aqueduct World Heritage Site 13th July 2013

By Joe Bickerton - Destination Manager (Wrexham CBC) Wow! Underneath the Arches 2013!! What a night! As you may know, in 2009 - the 11-mile...
<http://www.pontcysyllte-aqueduct.co.uk/en-gb/blog/2013/july/what-a-night!-underneath-the-arches-2013/>

The Staffordshire Sentinel 13th July 2013

High speed trains will bypass Stoke on Trent never mind Wales....
<http://www.thisisstaffordshire.co.uk/High-speed-trains-bypass-city/story-19515926-detail/story.html#axzz2YvzhzKAI>

Financial Times 12th July 2013

The business case for High Speed 2 is built on a fundamental flaw. At the time when the business case was published by HS2 Ltd (the company the Department for Transport had set up to promote and evaluate the project) had gone through a first set of revisions. These were to correct some errors in earlier analyses due in part ...
http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/4ea63da4-e564-11e2-ad1a-00144feabdc0,Authorised=false.html?_i_location=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ft.com%2Fcms%2Fs%2F0%2F4ea63da4-e564-11e2-ad1a-00144feabdc0.html&_i_referer=#axzz2YnnUgp6O

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Building HS2 will cost £70bn and NOT £42bn, says Boris
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