

Conversation on a Bowling Green

(Peter) “ What do you know about that old railway coach on the right hand side of the road as you approach Armscote from the direction of Halford?”.

(Geoff) “Yes I know ‘em well, in fact a relation of mine lived in ‘em for many years”.

(Peter) “Are there more than one then?”

(Geoff) “Yes there are two arranged like a “T”, from the road you can’t see the one at the back. I remember ‘em being put there, I was still going to school at the time. It was about 1930. They came from Swindon. Mayo’s the timber hauliers of Shipston brought ‘em on a timber carriage drawn by a traction engine. I watched the chaps unload ‘em. They cost £10. apiece”.

P.S. These coaches are rather secluded in a garden surrounded by shrubs. The roofs are of Welsh slate, they are not necessarily ex-GWR coaches as there were many small railway companies which became part of the GWR in 1921-23.

So you can see, there is more in playing bowls than just playing bowls.

(The coach facing the road proved to be an 1884 ex Taff Vale and one at the rear an ex 1875 Brecon and Merthyr Tydvil Rly). This I learned from my visit there.