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Celebration will mark 180 years of Tamworth station

A celebration marking 180 years of Tamworth railway station is being held next week.

The station was originally opened on 12 August 1839 by officials from the Birmingham and Derby Junction Railway and has continued to serve passengers ever since.

Today the station is operated by London Northwestern Railway, whose staff are behind the celebration event on Monday 12 August 2019.

Honor Evans, duty station manager, said: "Tamworth station has faithfully served the community since the very start of Queen Victoria's reign and we are looking forward to celebrating an incredible milestone.

"With frequent, convenient services from Tamworth on our route from Crewe to London Euston, it is no surprise that well over a million journeys are made using station every year."

The celebration event will feature a cake sale with produce made by staff and passengers, a prize raffle and a storyteller to explain to visitors about the history of the station.

Raffle prizes up for grabs include theme park tickets, a go-karting experience and train tickets.

The festivities get under way at 10am and all proceeds raised at the event will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society, which is London Northwestern Railway's chosen charity of the year.

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- **West Midlands Railway** services operate to destinations across the West Midlands via Birmingham New Street.

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The West Midlands Trains franchise started on 10 December 2017 and will run until 2025/26.

West Midlands Trains operates 1,300 services a day, manages 150 stations and provides over 70 million passenger journeys a year. Over the course of the franchise, West Midlands Trains will be investing £1 billion into the rail network to deliver new trains, improved routes and station upgrades. This will include 400 new train carriages across the network and space for an extra 85,000 passengers into Birmingham and London at peak times.

The franchise is a joint venture between Abellio (70.1% share) and East Japan Railway Company / Mitsui & Co., Ltd (29.9% share in a 50:50 split). Abellio is the international passenger transport subsidiary of the Dutch national railway company, Nederlandse Spoorwegen. In the UK, Abellio operates ScotRail and Greater Anglia train services, Merseyrail services in a joint venture with Serco and buses through Abellio London. For more information visit www.abellio.com

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