Rail travel through Two Centuries

In a pageant of railway history, the famous horse-drawn "train" of the Swansea and Mumbles line - returns to the Iron Road - celebrating the Company's 150 years of pioneer travel?

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And in those early days, sugar, not coal, kept the train on time...

The Railway opened in 1804 - and seventy-three years later, came steam traction - the Victorian family outings - and those Oh, so polite:

And before the advent of restaurant cars - the engine supplied a running buffet at journey's end - or hot water for local housewives. 23.5

Time moved on - from those leisurely days to the madcap 1920's, and the Charleston - with flappers leaving for dences on Mumbles pier. But the oldest passenger railway in the world runs on...

From a railway of tradition - to the shape of trains to come - in America.

Of revolutionary design - made of light-weight metals and built low on

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the track, it its first passenger run between New Haven and Bostoff Travelling at over 100 miles an hour, the "Talgo" (as its called) was developed in Spain, and its short carriage units make it stable and safe for top-speed travel.

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