

Year of the Railways Festival Additional Information

Dear Customers,

Our Year of the Railways event has been subject to a number of revisions since our original programme was released. Please find below a list of events that have been subject to alterations. We have also been able to add some extra events to the schedule and we hope you may be able to join us at these.

DAY 1: Sunday 23rd July

M.N.R No.4 'Caledonia' at Knockaloe and I.M.R No.8 'Fenella' at Peel

A vintage bus will no longer be able to operate a shuttle service between Peel and Knockaloe as our vintage fleet is currently unavailable. Instead a modern bus will operate the service. Timings for the last departures have also changed. The last bus from Peel to Knockaloe will operate at 14:00. The last bus from Knockaloe back to Peel will operate at 14:30.

'Fenella' will now be displayed behind the Kipper Factory on the location of the old line which allows for a slightly different photographic opportunity.

'Fenella' was previously scheduled to leave Peel at 16:00, but will now depart Peel at 14:00 as the loco is required to take part in the Beyer line up event at Port Erin that evening.

Welcome Evening at Port Erin Station with Beyer Line-Up

No.1 'Sutherland' will not be able to take part in the outdoor activities, but will be available to view inside the Museum sporting a replica 'Peel & Douglas United' banner reproduced from the 1873 opening day pictures. No.8 'Fenella' will join No.4 'Loch' on the 17:30 Douglas to Port Erin Express departure providing a mock double header set up. On arrival into Port Erin No.4, No.5, No.6 and No.8 will be assembled to create a spectacular 'Beyer Line-Up' photo shoot. Additionally the 1921 'Fowler' Highway Board Road Roller will be on display on the station platform.

DAY 2: Monday 24th July

EXTRA EVENT: Unadvertised rolling stock movement

After daytime services finish No.4 'Loch' will undertake rolling stock movements. No.6 'Peveril' along with the 'H' Wagon and 'M' Wagon will be moved from Port Erin to Douglas ready to take part in events later in the week. We invite you to capture photographs of the movements along the line.

Day 3: Tuesday 25th July

Extra information: Steam Legendary Drivers

Jack Lewney's board will be on the 09:50 Douglas departure. Jack Petri's on the 11:50.

Douglas Bay Horse Tramway Toastracks

We are pleased to add No.21 to the services this day in addition to No.42.

Day 4: Wednesday 26th July

Manx Electric Railway Crossbench Car Day

No.33 will not be available for passenger service for the duration of the festival. No.33 will be replaced by No.5 hauling our beautifully restored 1894 Trailer No.19 on Wednesday. No.33 will take part in Saturday's M.E.R Cavalcade.

Evening Steam with Cleminson & Foxdale Coach

Unfortunately the Cleminson Coach has sustained damage to its axle box and will not be fit to carry passengers during the festival. As such the advertised event will now be held in the grounds of Douglas Station with photography as far as the Peel line siding. Additionally Gr.12 will now join the Foxdale and Cleminson Coach for photographs. Event attendees will be offered the opportunity to sit inside the Cleminson coach whilst stationary and look at the fine restoration work that has been undertaken by the private owner. If you were booked on this event and no longer wish to attend please email publictransport@gov.im with your booking details and request a refund.

EXTRA EVENT: Unadvertised rolling stock movement PTO

After daytime services finish rolling stock movements will be undertaken. No.5 'Mona' will be moved from Port Erin to Douglas ready to take part in events later in the week. We invite you to capture photographs of the movements along the line.

Day 5: Thursday 27th July

Manx Electric Railway Parallel Run

Car 33 will be replaced by Car 34.

Legendary Boat Trains

It has been necessary to slightly reschedule the advertised timings on this event. The 'boat train' will now depart Douglas Station at 09:50 and 14:30. Departures from Port Erin at 11:30 and 16:15.

Extra information: MER Freight Tour

We are delighted to announce that Freight Car No.26 has been prepared to take part in the festival and will replace the advertised rolling stock on this event. Car No.6 will haul Freight Trailer No.26 as part of this event. We regret that all the tickets for this photography tour have sold out, but we invite you to photograph the combination along the line. No.26 will be available to view later in the week as it will take part in The Manx Electric Railway cavalcade.

Day 6: Friday 28th July

A Tribute to the late Alan Corlett

For those who wish to follow Alan's headboard through the day it will be on the following services: 10:00 departure from Port Erin Station to Douglas Station (Steam Railway). 12:05 departure from Broadway to Strathallan (Douglas Bay Horse Tramway). 12:40 departure Derby Castle to Laxey Station (Manx Electric Railway). 13:45 departure Laxey Station to Snaefell (Snaefell Mountain Railway). 14:20 departure Snaefell to Laxey Station (Snaefell Mountain Railway). 15:10 departure Laxey Station to Ramsey Station. On arrival into Ramsey we conclude the tour of Alan's board.

ADDITIONAL INTEREST: Douglas Bay Horse Tramway Cavalcade

Tramcars No.18, No.21, No.29, No.36 and No.42 will take part in the cavalcade which commences at 14:00 from Strathallan to Broadway. Photographs can be taken as the trams proceed along the promenade in procession with further photos available at Broadway and Strathallan when the trams are stationary. Standard tram fares apply to anyone wishing to travel on the trams during the cavalcade.

Douglas Bay Horse Tramway services

Please note that normal services will be suspended between 13:00 and 15:35 to accommodate the cavalcade proceedings. The final departure from Derby Castle to Broadway will be at 12:35. The final departure from Broadway to Derby Castle will be at 12:50. The first tram from Derby Castle to Broadway following cavalcade proceedings will be at 15:35.

Day 7: Saturday 29th July

Snaefell Mountain Railway services

Snaefell Mountain Railway tramcars will take part in the Manx Electric Railway Cavalcade. To facilitate this services will be suspended as follows: The last S.M.R departure from Laxey to Snaefell prior to the Cavalcade will be at 12:15. The last S.M.R departure to Snaefell to Laxey will be at 12:50. Following the Cavalcade normal services will resume at 15:15.

Manx Electric Railway services

The Manx Electric Railway will be subject to a special timetable for the day to accommodate cavalcade proceedings. This can be viewed in the Year of the Railways brochure or online.

Day 8: Sunday 30th July

SNEAK PREVIEW: Steam Extravaganza at Douglas Railway Station

Extra tickets were released to try and meet the huge demand for the Extravaganza Evening. Items of rolling stock on display are expected to include No.4 'Loch', No.5 'Mona', No.6 'Peveril', No.8 'Fenella', No.11 'Maitland', No.13 'Kissack', No.15 'Caledonia', No.17 'Viking' and a selection of interesting coaches and wagons. A special timetable will be in place for the day to accommodate the extravaganza. This is available at our stations or online.

If you have any further queries please contact us on 01624 697400 or email publictransport@gov.im
Thank you for your support and we hope you enjoy the special Anniversary events.