

A four day celebration of Isle of Man Railways

# RUSH HOUR ON THE RAILWAYS



19 - 22 APRIL 2019

THE MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY 2018 TRAMWAY OF THE YEAR.  
As voted by in British Trams Online 'Tram of the Year' poll 2018



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call **01624 662525**

# DAY 1:

## WELCOME

Join us for our four day celebration of the Isle of Man's unique and diverse heritage railways.



## MER MUSEUM OPEN

The Manx Electric Railway was one of the earliest electric railways in the British Isles. There is a dedicated museum where you can learn more about the history of this pioneering railway. The museum is located inside the main depot at Derby Castle Yard.



**Free admission to the Museum.**

## MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY PARALLEL RUN



G.F. Milnes 1894 Car 9 will parallel run with the 09:40 service from Derby Castle as far as Laxey.

**Standard tram fares apply.  
Go travel cards accepted.**

For details or to book online: [www.rail.im](http://www.rail.im) or call 662525

# GOOD FRIDAY, 19 APRIL

## MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY MOTORMAN TASTER LESSONS

Try your hand at driving Manx Electric Railway Car 9 between Laxey and Lewaigue during the 125th Anniversary of Tunnel Car service. The trip includes the dramatic and scenic section of line around Bulgham Bay, 588 feet above sea level.

Participants must be aged between 21 and 75. Proof of age may be required. Tram departs Laxey at 10:50, 12:50 and 14:50.



Four participants per trip and they should arrive 45 minutes prior to departure.

**£25. To book online visit [www.rail.im](http://www.rail.im) or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525**

## MER OPEN WAGONS



Cars 5 and 7 will both be in service hauling open wagons 8 & 10. Car 5 & wagon 8 will depart Derby Castle at 08:40, 11:40 & 13:40. Car 7 & wagon 10 will depart Derby Castle at 10:40 & 14:10.

**Standard tram fares apply. Go travel cards accepted.**



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# DAY 2:

## NAMED TRAINS

All locomotives in service will carry special headboards for the day including The Manxman and Southern Belle.

**Standard train fares apply. Go travel cards accepted**



## 'THE WORKS' VINTAGE BUS TOUR

Visiting the Bus Vannin, Steam Railway, Manx Electric Railway and Snaefell Mountain Railway workshops for a look behind the scenes at the engineering department of Isle of Man Transport. Meet at Douglas Railway Station for 09:30. The tour will finish and return to Douglas by 16:00.



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# EASTER SATURDAY, 20 APRIL

## STAMPS ON THE STEAM RAILWAY

Special commemorative covers will be carried on the Travelling Post Office (TPO) 'up and down' in the unique F39 "Foxdale Coach". The 09:50 departure from Douglas will include a TPO to Port Erin, which will return to Douglas on the 11:30 departure from Port Erin. Special covers with railway letter stamps, cancelled with railway station and Post Office postmarks will be available for both parts of the journey.



Covers can be ordered in advance from Ramsey Philatelic Service, 5 Windsor Road, Ramsey, IM8 3EG. Telephone 07624 306847 or they will be available on the day from the TPO on arrival at Port Erin and Douglas Stations. Steam Railway TPO Covers £5 each (plus 90p postage and packing if not collected)

## GREAT LAXEY MINE RAILWAY

The Great Laxey Mine Railway offers a fascinating insight into the industrial heritage of Laxey Village and will be in operation between 11:00 until 16:30

**Return journey £2.00 per person. Go Explore Cards accepted.**



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# DAY 3:

## MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY INTENSIVE SERVICE

In operation between 08:40 - 17:55. See overleaf for special timetable.

**Standard tram fares apply. Go travel cards accepted.**

## STAMPS ON THE MER & SMR

A special postal service will operate between Derby Castle Station and Ramsey. Railway letter covers, cancelled with railway station postmarks, will be carried in the Manx Electric Railway's Mail Van No.4 on the 09:10 departure from Derby Castle. After visiting Ramsey Mail Van 4 will be situated at Laxey Station and used for sorting mail.

**Covers can be ordered in advance from Ramsey Philatelic Service, 5 Windsor Road, Ramsey, IM8 3EG. Telephone 07624 306847 or they will be available on the day from the Mail Van on arrival at Laxey Station. Manx Electric Railway Covers £5 each (plus 90p postage and packing if not collected).**

## DINING CAR EASTER SUNDAY LUNCH AND AFTERNOON TEA



Built in 1905 and lovingly restored by Isle of Man Railways in 2013, the beautifully appointed Dining Car is one of only a handful of narrow gauge dining cars in the world. Celebrate Easter with our delicious three course lunch or fabulous Afternoon Tea.

**Sunday lunch £35 per adult / £10 per child.**

**Afternoon tea £30 per adult / £10 per child.**

**Price includes a glass of bubbles (over 18s only)**

**Call 01624 697457 to make your reservation. Lunch Train departs Douglas 12:10 returning by 14:40. Afternoon Tea Train departs Douglas 16:10 returning by 18:00.**

For details or to book online: [www.rail.im](http://www.rail.im) or call **662525**

# EASTER SUNDAY, 21 APRIL

## DOUGLAS WORKSHOP, RUNNING SHED AND SIGNAL BOX TOURS

Join the Heritage Railway Volunteers for the popular tours of the steam sheds and workshops and see what life was like for the Douglas signalman with a visit inside the unique signal box, the interior of which remains almost unchanged since it was first built. Tours start: 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00. Wait at Douglas Station for your tour to start.



**£6. To book online visit [www.rail.im](http://www.rail.im) or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525**

## MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY PHOTOGRAPHY EVENING AT DERBY CASTLE YARD



"Lights, Camera, Action!" at Derby Castle Yard, including specially posed vehicles, cameo scenes and a wealth of photographic opportunities. 19:00 to 21:00.

**Free event. Manx Electric Railway Museum open.**



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# TIMETABLE

## Intensive MER Service between Laxey and Ramsey C+ (Reverts to C in poor weather conditions)

Douglas	08:40	09:10	09:25	09:40	09:55	10:10
Groudle	08:52	09:22	09:37	09:52	10:07	10:22
Baldrine	08:58	09:28	09:43	09:58	10:13	10:28
South Cape	09:05	09:35	09:50	10:05	10:20	10:35
Laxey	09:10	09:40	09:55	10:10	10:25	10:40
Dhoon	09:25	09:55		10:25		10:55
Ballaglass	09:35	10:05		10:35		11:05
Ballajora	09:43	10:13		10:43		11:13
Lewaigue	09:47	10:17		10:47		11:17
Belle Vue	09:50	10:20		10:50		11:20
Ramsey	09:55	10:25		10:55		11:25

Douglas	12:25	12:40	13:10	13:25	13:40	13:55
Groudle	12:37	12:52	13:22	13:37	13:52	14:07
Baldrine	12:43	12:58	13:28	13:43	13:58	14:13
South Cape	12:50	13:05	13:35	13:50	14:05	14:20
Laxey	12:55	13:10	13:40	13:55	14:10	14:25
Dhoon		13:25	13:55		14:25	
Ballaglass		13:35	14:05		14:35	
Ballajora		13:43	14:13		14:43	
Lewaigue		13:47	14:17		14:47	
Belle Vue		13:50	14:20		14:50	
Ramsey		13:55	14:25		14:55	

Ramsey			10:10		10:40	
Belle Vue			10:15		10:45	
Lewaigue			10:18		10:48	
Ballajora			10:22		10:52	
Ballaglass			10:30		11:00	
Dhoon			10:40		11:10	
Laxey	10:10	10:40	10:55	11:10	11:25	11:40
South Cape	10:15	10:45	11:00	11:15	11:30	11:45
Baldrine	10:22	10:52	11:07	11:22	11:37	11:52
Groudle	10:28	10:58	11:13	11:28	11:43	11:58
Douglas	10:40	11:10	11:25	11:40	11:55	12:10

Ramsey		13:40		14:10		14:40
Belle Vue		13:45		14:15		14:45
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Ballajora		13:52		14:22		14:52
Ballaglass		14:00		14:30		15:00
Dhoon		14:10		14:40		15:10
Laxey	14:10	14:25	14:40	14:55	15:10	15:25
South Cape	14:15	14:30	14:45	15:00	15:15	15:30
Baldrine	14:22	14:37	14:52	15:07	15:22	15:37
Groudle	14:28	14:43	14:58	15:13	15:28	15:43
Douglas	14:40	14:55	15:10	15:25	15:40	15:55



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16:10	16:25	16:40	16:55	17:10	17:25	17:40	17:55



# DAY 4:

## COPPER CAPS TO CASTLETOWN



The 09:50 service from Douglas will be banked with Goods stock as far as Castletown being hauled by locos 8, 13 or 15. The Goods stock and one locomotive will remain in Castletown for shunting and posed photography in the Station. The Goods train will return to Douglas later in the day with a service train.

**Standard train fares apply. Go travel cards accepted.**

## GROUDLE GLEN RAILWAY

**Easter Bunny Trains and FREE Easter Egg Hunt 21st & 22nd April – Easter Sunday & Monday**



Join us for a steam train trip through the picturesque glen to see the Easter Bunny on the cliff tops who has Easter Eggs for all children. Tickets include free Tea, Coffee and Orange Juice from the Tea Rooms. Join the FREE Easter Egg Hunt to win your own Easter Bunny and a Car and 4 people return ticket with the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company.

**£5.00 for adults, £4.00 for children. Go Explore Cards Accepted.**



For details or to book online: [www.rail.im](http://www.rail.im) or call **662525**

# EASTER MONDAY, 22 APRIL

## MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY DERBY CASTLE YARD TOURS



An opportunity to visit the Derby Castle Yard. Each tour will include a brief history of the Derby Castle yard, a look at different types of trams, how they work and are maintained. Items of rolling stock not currently in use will be displayed in the Depot and MER artefacts will be on display. See newly refurbished horse trams on display on the depot yard. Tours limited to 10 persons per tour. Tours start at 11:15, 12:15, 14:15, 15:15 (Please meet at the MER Museum at the Derby Castle sheds for your tour to start).

**£6. To book online visit [www.rail.im](http://www.rail.im)  
or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525**



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## RUSH HOUR TICKETS

Unless a separate ticket price is stated, Go travel cards or standard fare tickets are required for all events. See below for information about Go travel cards.

## TRAVEL MORE AND SAVE MORE

**GO EXPLORE CARD** - unlimited travel on all scheduled bus and rail services for 1, 3, 5 or 7 consecutive days with a scenic image on the front of the card.

**GO EXPLORE HERITAGE** - 5 consecutive days unlimited rail travel and admission to Manx National Heritage attractions and Milntown House.

Go Cards are available to buy from the Welcome Centre at the Sea Terminal, Douglas and all main railway stations. The card activation charge is £2 plus:

Go Explore Cards	Adult	Child	Family
1 Day Go Explore	£17.00	£8.50	£41.50
3 Day Go Explore	£34.00	£17.00	£80.00
5 Day Go Explore	£41.00	£20.50	£100.00
7 Day Go Explore	£50.00	£25.00	£122.00
5 Day Go Explore Heritage	£63.00	£30.00	-

A family card is for two adults and up to three children aged 5 to 15 years. Children under 5 travel free.

**1 Day Go Explore** - available from any driver and any bus station, and don't require a Go Card.

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