

# MANX HERITAGE TRANSPORT FESTIVAL

24 - 28 JULY 2019



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# DAY 1:

## WELCOME

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### MER Parallel Run

Parallel Run from Derby Castle to Groudle Glen using cars 14 and 16. Departs Derby Castle at 09:10, returns by 09:40. Car 16 will remain in service with trailer 54 during the day.



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

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### Victorian Adventure Bus Tour

Our day begins on the Isle of Man Steam Railway where we join the 09:50 departure from Douglas Station as far as Ballasalla. There, we transfer to a vintage bus and travel to Douglas Head to look at some of the former tourist attractions in the area. The bus will take us back into the capital where we will travel along Douglas Promenade to Derby Castle.

We will travel by the Manx Electric Railway from Derby Castle to Groudle Glen to join the Groudle Glen Railway – the line that runs uphill to the sea. Then it's back on board the Manx Electric Railway to Laxey with time for a visit to the Laxey Wheel, Lady Isabella. Our return journey to Douglas will be via a Vintage Bus which will depart Laxey Coach Park at 17:00 with an expected arrival time of 18:00 at Douglas Railway Station.

During our journey we will ride on, or follow the routes of, nine different railways. Guides from the Heritage Railways Volunteer Group will accompany the tour. Please meet the guides at the Steam Railway Station at 09:30. Please note: there will be walking sections at Douglas Head and Groudle Glen that will not be suitable for anyone with limited mobility. A packed lunch is advisable. These can be pre-ordered from The Tickethall by calling 01624 627888. £6 including drink (pay on the day).

**Tickets £20. To book online visit [www.rail.im](http://www.rail.im) or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525 (Additional fares apply at Groudle Glen Railway for persons who don't possess a valid Go Explore Card).**

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

Wednesday, 24 July 2019

## Onchan Head & Groudle Shuttles on Car 14 Tram of the Year

Re-enactment of a typical 1950s shuttle service between Derby Castle, Onchan Head & Groudle using Ratchet Car 14. Groudle Glen Railway and Sea Lion Rocks Tearooms will be in operation between 11:00 and 21:00

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

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## Bulkhead Trailers day

"Bulkhead" style trailers numbers 37, 49, 51, 54 and 60 will be used on scheduled services. This year marks the return to service of trailers 37 and 49, both out of use since 2009 and 2008 respectively, and trailer 54 which has been out of service since 1971. Trailer 54 has been fully restored over the last year into the MER's 1960s style red and white livery.

Car 2 & trailer 49 will depart Derby Castle at 08:40, 11:40 & 15:10

Car 16 & trailer 54 will depart Derby Castle at 09:10, 10:40 & 14:10

Car 19 & trailer 60 will depart Derby Castle at 09:40, 12:40 & 16:10

Car 20 & trailer 37 will depart Derby Castle at 10:10 & 13:40

Car 6 & trailer 51 will depart Derby Castle at 11:10, 14:40 & 17:40

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

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## Seven Kingdoms Dinner

Relax, raise a glass and enjoy stunning sunset views whilst you dine at the highest point on the Isle of Man.

- Trams depart from Ramsey at 17:10, arriving at Laxey 17:55.
- Trams depart Derby Castle at: 17:40 and 18:40, arriving at Laxey at 18:10 and 19:10.
- Returning from Laxey at: 21:25 and 22:25, arriving at Derby Castle 21:55 and 22:55.
- Please note there is no return Tram service to Ramsey. Service Buses available from Laxey (fares apply).

**£29 per person. To book online visit [www.rail.im](http://www.rail.im) or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525**

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## Douglas Bay Horse Tramway Meet the Trammers Evening

An opportunity to meet the trammers in their stables at Summerhill. Tours start at 18:00 and 19:00.

**Free admission to the Stables.**



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# DAY 2:

## MER Parallel Run

Parallel run between Derby Castle and Laxey using Cars 5 & 7. Departs Derby Castle at 09:10.

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



## MER Motorman Tasters

Try your hand at driving car 7 between Laxey and Lewaigue, passing along the cliff tops 588 feet above the sea at Bulgham Bay and through the scenic farmland of Maughold Parish.

Car 7 departs Laxey at 10:50, 12:50 and 14:50.

For insurance purposes participants must be aged between 21 and 75. Participants must be aged between 21 and 75. Proof of age may be required. Four participants per return trip.



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

## Manx Northern Railway 140

MNR No.4 'Caledonia', carrying a very special commemorative headboard on buffer plate departs Douglas at 11:50. MNR history leaflets and museum display at Port Erin with Michael Starkey and Railway volunteers.

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

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Thursday, 25 July 2019

## Unusual Tram and Trailer combinations

Unusual Tram and Trailer combinations in service on the Manx Electric Railway.

Car 32 & trailer 61 will depart Derby Castle at 08:40, 11:40 & 15:10

Car 5 & trailer 59 will depart Derby Castle at 09:10, 10:40 & 14:10

Car 20 & trailer 48 will depart Derby Castle at 09:40, 12:40 & 16:10

Car 22 & trailer 56 will depart Derby Castle at 10:10 & 13:40

Car 33 & trailer 62 will depart Derby Castle at 11:10, 14:40 & 17:40

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

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## Pie and Mash Supper on the Dining Car "Cock o' the North"

Two course Pie and Mash Supper on the Dining Car hauled by Caledonia with a Manx Northern commentary en route, provided by Heritage Railway Volunteers.

Departs Douglas 19:00 to Port Erin 20:15, returns 21:15

arriving Douglas 22:30. Why not take the opportunity to explore the Railway Museum? Admission is free from 19:00 until 21:00.



**Call 01624 697457 to make your reservation.**

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## A Night at the Museum



In association with Heritage Railway Volunteers & artist Michael Starkey featuring floodlit exhibits, paintings, audio/video presentations, and exhibitions in the Port Erin Railway Museum. No.1 "Sutherland" is planned to be displayed in the Museum for the occasion. From 19:30 until 21:00

**Free admission to the Museum**



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## DAY 3:

### MER Derby Castle Workshop Tours

An opportunity to visit the Derby Castle Yard workshops. 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. Tours limited to 10 persons.



Tours start at 11:15, 12:15, 14:15 & 15:15. (Please meet at the MER Museum within Derby Castle Yard for your tour to start).

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

### Closed Lines bus tour

Our bus leaves Douglas Railway Station at 10:00 with a commentary along the way. Highlights include the Knockaloe Camp Line, The Foxdale Heritage Centre and Peel Station. Following lunch the tour traces the route of the Manx Northern Railway



to Ramsey, stopping at the Wild Life Park for a chance to ride on the Orchid Line Miniature Railway. Guides from the Heritage Railways Volunteers Group will accompany the tour. Meet at Douglas Railway Station at 09:45, return by 18:30. This tour includes several walking sections that will not be suitable to those with limited mobility. A packed lunch is advisable. These can be pre-ordered from The Tickethall by calling 01624 627888. £6 including drink (pay on the day)

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Friday, 26 July 2019

## Stamps on the MER & Snaefell

A special postal service will operate between Derby Castle 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 08:40 from Derby Castle. Departs Ramsey at 10:10 and on arrival at Laxey at 10:55 the Mail Van will be situated at Laxey Station Siding and used for sorting mail. A Railway Letter Service will also operate from the Summit on the Snaefell Mountain Railway to Laxey.

**Special covers for both these services can be ordered in advance from Ramsey Philatelic Services, 5 Windsor Road, Ramsey, IM8 3EG (plus 90p postage & packing) or they will be available on the day at the Snaefell Summit Hotel and from the Sorting Tender on arrival at Laxey Station. MER and SMR covers £5.00 each.**

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## Lost Trams and unusual combinations in service

Cars 3, 4, 8 and 24 return to service on the Manx Electric Railway to pay tribute to the lost Cars.

Car 3 & trailer 49 will depart Derby Castle at 08:40, 11:40 & 15:10

Car 4 & trailer 60 will depart Derby Castle at 09:10, 10:40 & 14:10

Car 8 & trailer 61 will depart Derby Castle at 10:10 & 13:40

Car 24 & trailer 59 will depart Derby Castle at 11:10, 14:40 & 17:40

Also car 22 & trailer 54 will depart Derby Castle at 09:40, 12:40 & 16:10

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

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## Tunnel Vision Photography Evening

An evening with all four Tunnel Cars 5, 6, 7 & 9 posed for photography between South Cape and Bulgham with parallel runs. First car leaves Derby Castle at 17:50 with all cars returning to Derby Castle before the last service tram. (Event subject to weather conditions)

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



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## DAY 4:

### Douglas workshop, running shed and signal box tours

The Heritage Railway Volunteers will be offering guided tours of the workshops, steam sheds and signal box to enable visitors to get a glimpse behind the scenes to see how the Island's unique railways are maintained. 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**

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### 1970s winter combination photography tour

Photography tour of the MER using 1970s liveried car 20 & trailer 57. Departs Derby Castle at 12:50, returns by 17:45.

**£12. To book online visit [www.rail.im](http://www.rail.im) or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525**

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### Travelling Post Office

The 10:00 from Port Erin and the 11:20 from Douglas will also include a Travelling Post Office transporting special commemorative stamp covers to mark the 125th birthday of Steam Locomotive 'Fenella'. These very limited edition covers, with Railway Letter Stamps and cancelled with railway station postmarks, will be available for both parts of the journey.

**Special covers for this service can be ordered in advance from Ramsey Philatelic Services, 5 Windsor Road, Ramsey, IM8 3EG (plus 90p postage & packing) or will be available on the day from the TPO on arrival at Douglas and Port Erin stations. Steam Railway TPO Covers £5 each**

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### Upper Douglas Cable Tramway Guided Walk

A guided walk along the route of the former Upper Douglas Cable Tramway taking in the history of Douglas along the way. Meet at the Bottleneck Carpark, Loch Promenade for a 09:00 start. The walk will last approximately 90 minutes. Please note this walk involves steep hills and is not suitable for anyone with limited mobility.

**FREE event. To make your reservation call: 01624 614687**

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



Saturday, 27 July 2019

## Seven Kingdoms Dinner

Relax, raise a glass and enjoy stunning sunset views whilst you dine at the highest point on the Isle of Man.

- Trams depart from Ramsey at 17:10, arriving at Laxey 17:55.
- Trams depart Derby Castle at: 17:40 and 18:40, arriving at Laxey at 18:10 and 19:10.
- Returning from Laxey at: 21:25 and 22:25, arriving at Derby Castle 21:55 and 22:55.
- Please note there is no return Tram service to Ramsey.

**Service Buses available from Laxey (fares apply). £29 pp.**  
**To book online visit [www.rail.im](http://www.rail.im) or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525**

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## Car 14

Take the opportunity to ride on the 'Tram of the Year' as voted in British Trams Online Poll 2018. Return trip from Derby Castle to Laxey. Departs Derby Castle at 10:20. Returns by 11:40.

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

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## Staged photography at Douglas Station

Staged shunting at Douglas Railway Station, with Steam Locomotives and Goods stock followed by a BBQ under the canopy of the Tickethall. Shunting commences at 19:00 with short train journeys to the Peel Line siding for additional photo opportunities.

**Platform ticket for photographs £3. Including trip to Peel Line Siding BBQ £5 (pay on the day). All tickets available on the day.**

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## Unusual Tram and Trailer combinations

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- Car 9 & trailer 37 will Depart Derby Castle at 08:40, 11:40 & 15:10
- Car 32 & trailer 42 will depart Derby Castle at 09:10, 10:40 & 14:10
- Car 22 & trailer 60 will depart Derby Castle at 09:40, 12:40 & 16:10
- Car 33 & trailer 43 will depart Derby Castle at 10:10 & 13:40
- Car 2 & trailer 59 will depart Derby Castle at 11:10, 14:40 & 17:40.

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



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# DAY 5:

## Manx Electric Railway intensive service

Timetable available during the festival.

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### Laxey 125

The Manx Electric Railway celebrates 125 years since the arrival of the first Tram to Laxey in 1894. To mark the occasion Tunnel Cars 5,6,7 & 9 will all be in service with matching trailers throughout the day. A special tram will mark the occasion at 13:00 when it will parade through Laxey Station which will be decorated with commemorative flags and bunting. The Onchan Silver Band will also be in attendance to mark the occasion.



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

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### Fenella's 125th anniversary

"Fenella" celebrates her 125th Anniversary this year and to mark the occasion a special headboard will be carried on No.8 marking the occasion and one of the railways legendary drivers. "Fenella" takes the 11:50 service to Port Erin where a special photo display will be exhibited in the Museum to mark the occasion.

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

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### Manxman Sunday Lunch

Enjoy a traditional three course lunch with family and friends as you travel through the stunning Isle of Man countryside aboard The Dining Car.

Departs Douglas 12:10, returns by 14:40.

**£30 per adult, £10 for children between 4-12 years.  
Call 01624 697457 to make your reservation.**

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

Sunday, 28 July 2019

## Vintage Running Day at Jurby Transport Museum

Join us for our annual Running Day in the north of the island. The Museum houses a wide range of vehicles including cars, buses, lorries, fire engines and an ambulance, as well as the train previously operated on Ramsey's Queen's Pier and a Douglas cable tram dating from the 19th century! There will also be visiting vehicles from the UK.

Additional bus services on route 19 will operate from Ramsey Tram Station to meet MER arrivals, while a direct service from Douglas over the mountain (weather permitting) will also be provided. Standard fares will apply.

A free circular bus service using some of the museum's exhibits, as well as vehicles from Isle of Man Transport's Heritage Fleet, will also operate between Jurby, Ballaugh, the Wild Life Park, Sulby and St Judes.

Admission free. Open 10.00 to 16.00 (toilets and refreshments available)



**Bus departs Ramsey Tram Station at 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00, 16.00, also calling at Ramsey Bus Station.**

**Bus departs Jurby Transport Museum at 10.40, 11.40, 12.40, 13.40, 14.40, 15.40, 16.20.**

**Bus departs Douglas (Lord Street) at 09.00, operating via Promenades and Onchan (Manx Arms), calling at all stops en route. Bus departs Jurby to return to Douglas at 15.30**

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## Illustrated presentation & social evening

Conclude our festival with Mike Buttell and Andrew Scarffe in The Tickethall for an illustrated evening between 20:00 - 22:00

**Admission £3 on the door.**



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## HERITAGE TRANSPORT FESTIVAL 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** - paper tickets available from any bus, tram, train or station and don't require a Go Card.

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