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MANX HERITAGE TRANSPORT FESTIVAL

Tuesday 28th July – Sunday 2nd August 2026

Celebrating 150 years of the Douglas Bay Horse Tramway 1876 – 2026

Celebrating 50 years since the nationalisation of buses 1976 - 2026

Featuring throughout the week

BUS VANNIN SERVICES

Throughout the festival week *bus vannin* will operate its extensive timetable with exceptional Island wide coverage and frequency; why not take a journey on the buses to somewhere the railways can't. For details of all *bus vannin* services and timings throughout the week please visit www.bus.im or collect a copy of the printed timetable from our Stations during your visit.

Standard bus fares apply. Go Explore, Go Saver and Go Places cards accepted on all standard services.

HORSE TRAM 22 – RETURNS TO THE HORSE TRAMWAY FOR TWO WEEKS ONLY

Tram No. 22 will be returning to the Douglas Bay Horse Tramway for the Festival week. It will be outside Strathallan every day of the festival to allow for photographs and on occasion through the festival week it will open as our exclusive DBHT 150 gift shop. No.22 is one of three 'Toastracks' (No.22 to No.24) that were modified by Douglas Corporation in 1908/9 by fitting ridge-mounted retractable canvas roof blinds to add a modicum of protection from the Manx summer sunshine when needed. They were subsequently fitted with fixed canvas pitched roofs in the 1920s. These are referred to as 'Canvas Roofed' or 'Umbrella' Toastracks. No.22 survives at the Jurby Transport Museum, albeit further converted during the 1970s into a mobile souvenir shop for the Tramway and we are grateful to the Museum for loaning the tram to us.

On display daily subject to weather. Gift shop opening times to be advised during the week.

MANX NORTHERN RAILWAY – FOXDALE BRANCH 140TH ANNIVERSARY – F.39 'THE FOXDALE COACH'

In recognition of 140 years since the opening of the Foxdale Branch of the Manx Northern Railway in 1886 the Foxdale Coach will feature on service trains throughout the week. F.39 was delivered to the Manx Northern Railway in 1886 from Oldbury builders and originally numbered M.N.Ry. No.17.

Standard train fares apply. Go Travel cards accepted

MANX NORTHERN RAILWAY – FOXDALE BRANCH 140TH ANNIVERSARY – MANX NORTHERN RAILWAY COACH F.37

In recognition of 140 years since the opening of the Foxdale Branch of the Manx Northern Railway in 1886 the Manx Northern Railway Coach F.37 will feature on service trains throughout the week. Coach F.37 has been extensively restored following its return to the Island and an absence from service since 1969. Originally delivered to The Manx Northern Railway in 1899 from Hurst Nelson and numbered M.N.Ry No.16.

Standard train fares apply. Go Travel cards accepted

VISITING BUSES

bus vannin extends an invitation to visitors to bring their vintage, retro or modern buses on holiday with them to join us in our celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary since the nationalisation of our services. If you are interested in bringing your bus to the Isle of Man during the festival week then please contact Liam.Edwards@gov.im to discuss options.

DAY 1: TUESDAY 28 JULY 2026

- Operating Timetables: Steam (R), MER (D), SMR (D), DBHT (P)

HERITAGE BUS SHUTTLES – ISLE OF MAN STEAM RAILWAY TO MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY

The 1949 Leyland Titan PD2 in 'Isle of Man Road Services' livery will operate between Douglas Railway Station (Banks Circus Yard entrance bus stop) and Derby Castle Station via South Quay and the Promenades throughout the day. The first departure leaves from Douglas Station at 08:10 heading to Derby Castle via promenades ready to join the Manx Electric Railway parallel run. Once the parallel run is completed normal services will resume. The bus will depart from Douglas Railway Station at 15 past the hour from 10:15 until 15:15. The first departure leaves from Derby Castle at 10:40. Then at 40 past the hour until 15:40. Request stops at designated bus stops along the route are permitted for pick up and drop off.

Standard bus fares apply on all shuttle services throughout the day. Go Explore cards are not accepted, and concessionary travel will only apply to children aged 5 - 15. Ages 0 – 4 travel free with full fare paying adults. Go Silver card holders will receive half fares. Go Saver bus cards may also be used on all heritage bus shuttles and standard services throughout the festival.

MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY PARALLEL RUN & FOLLOWING BUS BETWEEN DERBY CASTLE AND GROUDLE

Commence our festival with the traditional Manx Electric Railway Parallel Run using cars No.16 and No.20. Departs Derby Castle at 08:50. Following the parallel run both cars will remain in service throughout the day. For this year only to mark the 50th Anniversary since the nationalisation of buses a heritage bus will feature on our opening event, the 1949 Leyland Titan PD2 will join the parallel run for photographic opportunities with the trams. Please note that when the run arrives at Groudle Glen the bus will continue along the Groudle Road to Halfway House. It will then take the main road via Whitebridge, Onchan Village, Summerhill and the Promenades and back to Douglas Railway Station.

Rail: Standard tram fares apply. Go Travel cards accepted.

Bus: Standard bus fares apply. Go Explore cards are not accepted, and concessionary travel will only apply to children aged 5 - 15. Ages 0 – 4 travel free with full fare paying adults. Go Silver card holders will receive half fares. Go Saver bus cards may also be used.

MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY DIESEL MOTORMAN TASTER LESSONS

Try your hand at driving 1995 Car No.34 'Maria' 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 34 departs Laxey at 08:50, 10:50, 13:50 and 15:50. Participants must be aged between 21 and 75. Proof of age may be required. Three participants per return trip. Access to No.34 can be challenging due to high steps.

£59. To book online visit www.rail.im or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525

MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY BULKHEAD TRAILER DAY

A day to celebrate the M.E.R Bulkhead Trailers. The following car and trailer combinations will be in use during the day on the timetabled service:

- Car No.7 / Trailer No.19 (36)
- Car No.16 / Trailer No.37
- Car No.9/ Trailer No.60
- Car No.20 / Trailer No.54
- Car No.32 / Trailer No.50

Standard tram fares apply. Go Travel cards accepted

DOUGLAS BAY HORSE TRAMWAY TOASTRACKS

Today 1899 G.F Milnes Toastrack No.21 and 1905 G.C Milnes Voss Toastrack No.42 will be in service weather permitting. Car 21 and 42 will be hauled by one of our Shire or Clydesdale Horses. Trams depart Derby Castle at the advertised times on timetable P.

Standard tram fares apply. Go Travel cards accepted

ISLE OF MAN STEAM RAILWAY SALOON COACHES IN SERVICE

The Saloon Coaches are now attached to normal service trains, with double heading trains

Typically reserved for Dining Car services, today the Metropolitan Carriage & Wagon Co. saloon coaches—dating back to 1905—will make a special appearance on our scheduled services.

The train departing Douglas for Port Erin at 11:50 will feature two engines, the saloon coaches, and the Port Erin set of carriages, all forming the rear of the service train.

For the return journey, the 16:00 departure from Port Erin to Douglas will include two engines, the saloon coaches, and the Douglas set of carriages.

Standard train fares apply. Go Travel cards accepted.

MANX HERITAGE TRANSPORT FESTIVAL WELCOME EVENING AT STRATHALLAN CRESCENT

Join representatives from Isle of Man Railways and *bus vannin* as the 2026 Manx Heritage Transport Festival is commenced. The evening will feature a fine selection of Douglas Bay Horse Tramway rolling stock that will be on display in celebration of the tramways 150th Anniversary this year. *bus vannin* in conjunction with the Jurby Transport Museum will display a wonderful selection of original Douglas Corporation Transport buses and some newer ones with liveries inspired by the originals.

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- An ex-Douglas Corporation AEC Regent V will operate ad-hoc shuttles subject to demand between Strathallan Crescent and along the promenades to the Sea Terminal at regular intervals.
- One of the latest six additions to the *bus vannin* fleet a Streetdeck Ultroliner fleet No.315 will be on display at Strathallan. Fleet No.315 is one of two new buses that have been painted in heritage fleet colours to mark the anniversary year and features a Douglas Corporation Transport livery.
- A line up of Douglas Corporation Transport liveried buses will be assembled during the evening for photograph opportunities with the assistance of Jurby Transport Museum.

The Manx Electric Railway

- The Manx Electric Railway will operate a 'chip shop shuttle' to Port Jack at regular intervals subject to demand using Car No.16.
- Goods Van No.11 with Winter Saloon No.20 will be displayed in the Groudle Siding at Derby Castle Station for a 1970s inspired photography pairing.

The Douglas Bay Horse Tramway

- The Douglas Bay Horse Tramway will operate an evening timetable giving you the unusual opportunity to ride on the tramway in the evening. Details below.
- Throughout the evening a line-up of Douglas Bay Horse Tramway rolling stock will be displayed at the front of Strathallan for photographic opportunities.
- A Douglas Bay Horse Tram will be placed onto the Traverser for photo opportunities.

Open from 18:00 until 21:30. Where possible please travel to the event using the Douglas Bay Horse Tramway services, vintage bus shuttles or timetabled bus services to reduce congestion around the Derby Castle area.

Rail: Standard tram fares apply. Go Travel cards accepted.

Bus shuttles: Standard bus fares apply. Go Explore cards are not accepted, and concessionary travel will only apply to children aged 5 - 15. Ages 0 – 4 travel free with full fare paying adults. Go Silver card holders will receive half fares. Go Saver bus cards may also be used.

Douglas Bay Horse Tramway Evening Service

An unusual opportunity to ride on the Douglas Bay Horse Tramway evening services between Strathallan and Broadway. The tram will depart from Strathallan at 18:45, 19:25, 20:05 & 20:45. The tram will return from Broadway at 19:05, 19:45, 20:25, & 21:05.

Standard tram fares apply. Go Travel cards accepted

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2026

- Operating Timetables: Steam (S), MER (DE), SMR (D), DBHT (P)

MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY PARALLEL RUN BETWEEN DERBY CASTLE AND GROUDLE

Parallel run using Car No.32 and Car No.16 departs Derby Castle at 08:50.

Standard tram fares apply. Go travel cards accepted.

MARINE DRIVE SPECIAL - FEATURING GUIDED WALK & D.C.T BUS ROUTE

To mark the 130th Anniversary of the Douglas Southern Electric Tramway, a special train will depart Douglas Railway Station at 09.15 and travel to Port Soderick. Upon arrival at Port Soderick guides will escort the group on a guided walk along Marine Drive and back to Douglas. The walk will incorporate talks about various parts of the Douglas Southern Electric Tramway and will view the various remnants that are still in situ to this day, 87 years since closure in 1939. To add nostalgia of the route 15 that used to operate along Marine Drive the ex-Douglas Corporation AEC Regent V will meet you near the grand castellated Toll Gate to continue the journey back into Douglas and allow for special photography opportunities with the bus. Please be advised that a good level of mobility is required for this walk due to the distance. There are no toilets along this walk either. Arrival back at Douglas Station by 13:00.

£18. To book online visit www.rail.im or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525

MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY LOST TRAILERS

A day to recall the Manx Electric Railways lost trailers. The following trailers will be re-created during the day on the timetabled service. Lost trailers to include:

- Open Lightweight, No.34, lost in April 1930 to the Laxey Car Sheds fire.
- Open Lightweight, No.35, lost in April 1930 to the Laxey Car Sheds fire.
- Open Lightweight, No.38, lost in April 1930 to the Laxey Car Sheds fire.
- Open Lightweight, No.39, lost in April 1930 to the Laxey Car Sheds fire.
- Open Trailer, No.40, lost in April 1930 to the Laxey Car Sheds fire.
- Open Trailer, No.41, lost in April 1930 to the Laxey Car Sheds fire.
- Open Trailer, No.52, out of passenger service since 1951.

Standard tram fares apply. Go travel cards accepted.

DOUGLAS BAY HORSE TRAMWAY TOASTRACK SUNSHADES

Throughout the festival we will showcase our stunning collection of Victorian and Edwardian Tramcars daily being hauled by one of our Shire or Clydesdale Horses. Today two examples of our Sunshades will be in service throughout the day. 1908 G.C Milnes Voss Car 45 and 1896 G.F Milnes Car 36 will depart Derby Castle at the advertised times on Timetable P.

Standard tram fares apply. Go Travel cards accepted

STRATHALLAN CRESCENT GUIDED TOURS

Guided tours at Strathallan Crescent Tram Sheds at 10:00, 11:00, 13:00 and 14:00 with an opportunity to see behind the scenes inside the shed and Tramway Offices upstairs. A guide will be available to speak to if you have any questions about the trams or tramways infrastructure.

£9. To book online visit www.rail.im or call 01624 662525

DOUGLAS CORPORATION ROUTES RE-ENACTMENT

Full details of routes will be provided in due course.

The journeys will be hosted on No.315, one of our newest buses delivered in Douglas Corporation livery.

Standard bus fares apply on all services throughout the day. Go travel cards are not accepted, and concessionary travel will only apply to children (5-15) and Go Silver Card holders who will receive half fares. Go Saver cards may also be used.

GROUDLE GLEN RAILWAY

The railway and tearooms are open all day to welcome visitors to the Festival on Wednesday from 11:00 to 20:30. Kicking things off in spectacular style with a two-train steam service, starring the much-loved Sea Lion and Brown Bear. With extended evening running, there's plenty of time to soak up the sights, sounds, and magic of steam drifting through the glen.

Evening Tour information added.

Step back in time and discover the hidden history of the origins of the Manx Electric Railway & Groudle Glen on this special guided evening tour in partnership with Isle of Man Railways. Departing Derby Castle at 6pm, enjoy a guided journey on the Manx Electric Railway to Groudle, before exploring the glen with our guide, visiting the Groudle Glen Railway engine shed, and travelling to Sea Lion Rocks. Packed with fascinating stories, stunning scenery and railway secrets, your ticket includes return travel on both railways and the full guided tour. Places are strictly limited and must be booked online at www.ggr.org.uk.

Standard Groudle fares apply or Go Explore Cards accepted on standard service trains.

Evening Tour £12pp.

Visit www.ggr.org.uk for more information.

STEAM HEADBOARDS

David Archer has kindly supplied this year's headboards to the Isle of Man Steam Railway Supporters Association as part of their 60th Anniversary events. They will include special boards in memory of Graham Warhurst, Tony Beard, Alastair Lamberton and Max Crookall. The boards will feature on service trains throughout the day.

Standard train fares apply. Go Travel cards accepted

MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY EVENING FOUR WINTER SALOONS TO RAMSEY

Featuring all four winter saloons; No.19, No.20, No.21 & No.22 on a special run to Ramsey Station. Once all four cars arrive at Ramsey Station they will be posed for photography. Parallel running on the journey back from Ramsey with photo stops. Trams will depart Derby Castle Station at 16:45, 17:00, 17:15 & 17:30 and run to Ramsey Station. All the trams will be on display in Ramsey Station by 19:00. At 20:00 the first pair will depart in parallel, followed by the second pair at 20:15. Parallel running will continue as far as Laxey where each tramcar will be individually sent back to Derby Castle. The first tram will arrive back into Derby Castle by 21:55. The final tram to depart Laxey Station will arrive at Derby Castle by 22:25. It is recommended that you bring some refreshments with you on this trip as food establishments in Ramsey may be busy due to the expected demand on this trip.

Standard tram fares apply. Go Travel cards accepted but will incur a £5 surcharge payable on the day.

IOM STEAM RAILWAY SUPPORTERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Port Erin Railway Museum and will commence upon arrival of the train from Douglas at 20:15. A special train departure will leave from Douglas at 19:00 and return to Douglas from Port Erin at 21:30.

£20 with funds going towards the restoration of F.6. Everyone is welcome. For full details visit: www.iomsrsa.org/home

Douglas Bay Horse Tramway Evening Service

In conjunction with the Groudle Glen Railway evening service and Manx Electric Railway evening service an opportunity to ride on the Douglas Bay Horse Tramway evening services between Strathallan and Broadway. The tram will depart from Strathallan at 18:45, 19:25, 20:05 & 20:45. The tram will return from Broadway at 19:05, 19:45, 20:25, & 21:05.

Standard tram fares apply. Go Travel cards accepted

DAY 3: THURSDAY 30 JULY 2026

- Operating Timetables: Steam (S), MER (D), SMR (D), DBHT (P)

MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY PARALLEL RUN BETWEEN DERBY CASTLE AND GROUDLE

Parallel run using Car No.1 and Car No.2. Departs Derby Castle at 08:50. Following the parallel run both Cars will remain in service throughout the day.

Standard tram fares apply. Go travel cards accepted.

MER MOTORMAN TASTER LESSONS

Try your hand at driving Tunnel Car No.7. The taster session runs 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 No.7 departs Laxey at 08:50, 10:50, 13:50 and 15:50. Participants must be aged between 21 and 75. Proof of age may be required. Four participants per return trip.

£49. To book online visit www.rail.im or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525

MER DERBY CASTLE WORKSHOP AND YARD TOURS

An opportunity to visit the Derby Castle Yard workshops with The Manx Electric Railway Volunteers. 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 M.E.R artefacts will be on display. Tours limited to 15 persons per tour. Tours start at 11:15, 12:15, 14:15 & 15:15 (Please meet at the Derby Castle sheds for your tour to start).

£12. To book online visit www.rail.im or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525

MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY OPEN CROSSBENCH TRAILERS

1906 Crossbench trailers No.61 and No.62 will be in service with Winter Saloons No.20 and No.21. This year marks the 120th anniversary since the delivery of Trailers No.61 and No.62 in 1906.

Standard tram fares apply. Go travel cards accepted.

MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY EDWARDIAN TRAILERS

Edwardian trailers including No.42, No.57 and No.58 will be on timetabled services throughout the day.

Standard tram fares apply. Go travel cards accepted.

DOUGLAS BAY HORSE TRAMWAY WINTER SALOONS

Winter Saloons will be in service throughout the day. 1892 G.F Milnes Car 29 and 1892 G.F Milnes Car 27 will depart Derby Castle at the advertised times on timetable P.

Standard tram fares apply. Go Travel cards accepted.

IOM STEAM RAILWAY SUPPORTERS' ASSOCIATION – PROJECTS ON DISPLAY AT PORT ERIN

The IoM Steam Railway Supporters' Association will host a display the various items of rolling stock that they have been involved in restoring over the last few years. The display will include locos No.5 *Mona*, No.6 *Peveiril*, No.9 *Douglas*. Also freight stock including van G.1, wagons H.1 and M.78 and much more. On display from 10:00 until 16:00.

Everyone is welcome. For full details visit: www.iomsrsa.org/home

NORTH LINE CLOSED LINES BUS TOUR

Our bus, which will be one of the latest additions to the fleet No.316 painted in Isle of Man Road Services livery leaves Douglas Railway Station at 09:30 with a commentary along the way. Highlights include the Ballaugh Goods Shed and Sulby Glen Station. Guides from the Heritage Railway Volunteers Group will accompany the tour. Meet at Douglas Railway Station at 09:15, returns by 16:30. This tour includes several walking sections that will not be suitable to those with limited mobility. A packed lunch is advisable.

£30. To book online visit www.rail.im or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525

TRANSPORT FESTIVAL PIE AND MASH

The Station Masters hearty homemade pie with delicious fillings on the steam railway. A selection of classic desserts will be offered on your return journey. Fully stocked bar on board, with a range of real ales from Bushy's. Departs Douglas 19:00 to Castletown. Returns to Douglas by 22:30

£38. To book email steamdining@gov.im or call 01624 697457

DAY 4: FRIDAY 31 JULY 2026

- Operating Timetables: Steam (SU), MER (D), SMR (D) & DBHT (P)

MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY PARALLEL RUN BETWEEN DERBY CASTLE AND LAXEY

Parallel run using Car No.7 and Car No.14. Departs Derby Castle at 09:20. Following the parallel run Car No.14 will return to Derby Castle from Laxey at 10:10.

Standard tram fares apply. Go travel cards accepted.

MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY – TRAILER No.57 SHUTTLES

Laxey Station to Dhoon Quarry Shuttles using Manx Electric Railway Car No.34 'Maria' and Winter Trailer No.57. Shuttles depart from Laxey Station at 09:50, 10:50, 11:50, 13:50 & 14:50. Each shuttle will include a photography stop around the spectacular Bulgham Bay.

£7 for a rover ticket which will cover you to travel on as many of the departures as you wish throughout the day. To book online visit www.rail.im or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525.

WICKHAM SHUTTLES

Wickham Railcar No.7442 was built in 1956 by Wickham of Ware. It was purchased second-hand from the Lochaber Narrow Gauge Railway in 1978. Operating as No.22 on Isle of Man Railways the railcar is normally exclusively reserved for Permanent Way duties; however, today it will operate passenger trips in conjunction with Laxey Car Shed Open Day with frequent departures from Laxey Station to the Car Sheds throughout the day. Please note that the Wickham has limited capacity and you may have to wait to catch your ride to Laxey Car Sheds.

£4 per person return. Pay on the day.

LAXEY CAR SHED OPEN DAY

The Manx Electric Railway Volunteers will be available to show you around Laxey Car Shed, located on Lower Rencell Hill, giving an opportunity to view items of stored rolling stock including Locomotive 23 and freight trailer 26. Open from 10:30 until 15:00. Please use the tram service, Wickham shuttles or walk along the main road to access the shed; do not walk along the tram line.

£9. To book online visit www.rail.im or call 01624 662525

SNAEFELL MOUNTAIN RAILWAY SHED TOURS

Snaefell Sheds will be open for the day offering a special opportunity to see behind the scenes of the workshops. Tours Start at 10:00, 11:00, 13:00 & 14:00. Please note there is no parking available at Snaefell Sheds. Please park on Mines Road if you are driving to the tours.

£9. To book online visit www.rail.im or call 01624 662525

DOUGLAS BAY HORSE TRAMWAY No.18

Today No.18 our Double Decker by MRC&W Co. Ltd dating to 1883 will be in service throughout the day. Recently refurbished the tram is looking splendid in its new colour scheme. Operating as one of the tramcars on timetable P.

Standard tram fares apply. Go Travel cards accepted

TRANSPORT FESTIVAL QUIZ NIGHT ON THE DINING CAR

How good is your knowledge? Time to team up with family and friends for an exciting quiz night. Fun prizes to be won including 2026 Dining Car experiences. Book early to avoid disappointment and be the winners on the nights. For all ages to enjoy.

£42 per adult, £25 per child. To book email steamdining@gov.im or call 01624 697457

VINTAGE TRANSPORT RECEPTION CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY SINCE BUS NATIONALISATION AT JURBY TRANSPORT MUSEUM

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of nationalised bus services a special evening will be held at Jurby Transport Museum. Welcome speeches, live music, celebration cake and refreshments. During the evening a unique cavalcade of buses will parade onto Jurby Airfield offering a spectacular photography opportunity of buses through the decades. Museum guides will also be available to offer their expertise on the fascinating exhibits and artefacts housed inside the museum.

Special buses including No.315 and No.316 painted in heritage liveries will depart Lord Street for ticket holders as follows:

Option 1: 18:00 Jurby Transport Museum via Lord St, Peel Road, Union Mills, St. Johns, Peel Town Hall, Knocksharry, Kirk Michael, Sulby & St. Jude's. Departs Jurby Transport Museum at 21:45

Option 2: 18:00 Jurby Transport Museum via Lord St, Ridgeway St, Promenades, Summerhill, Onchan, Baldrine, Laxey, Glen Mona, Ramsey Bus Station, Jurby Road, St. Jude's, Summerhill Road Departs Jurby Transport Museum at 21:45

£37 per person. Includes travel by bus, live music, special photography opportunity celebration cake and refreshments at the museum. To book online visit www.rail.im or call 01624 662525

DAY 5: SATURDAY 01 August 2026

- Operating Timetables: Steam (S), MER (DG), SMR (D) & DBHT (P)

DOUGLAS BAY HORSE TRAMWAY 150TH ANNIVERSARY CAVALCADE

A spectacular cavalcade of Douglas Bay Horse Tramway rolling stock along Douglas Promenade as far as Broadway. Departs Derby Castle from 10:00. Normal services resume from 13:05 onwards or as soon after the bus cavalcade has finished its procession.

Tickets TBA

DOUGLAS BAY HORSE TRAMWAY 150TH GUIDED WALK

A guided walk along Douglas Promenade to discuss the historical sites along the tramway. Further details to be released in due course.

Tickets TBA

BUS CAVALCADE ALONG DOUGLAS PROMENADE CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

A spectacular cavalcade of Buses along Douglas Promenade at 12:30 from Derby Castle as far as The War Memorial with a display of vehicles in Douglas following the cavalcade. Further details of this spectacular cavalcade will be released in due course once a location for the display is confirmed. Visiting buses are encouraged to join us. Please contact us to discuss.

TICKETS TBA

MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY UEC 120

United Electric Car Company Cars No.32, No.33 and matching trailers No.61 and No.62 turn 120 this year. To mark the occasion Car No.32 and Trailer No.62 will be in service together all day. As we enter the evening timetable No.32 will remain in service with a Winter Trailer. Trailer No.61 will be in service with another motor car. Car No.33 will be on display at Derby Castle Yard as part of the workshop tours.

Standard tram fares apply. Go travel cards accepted.

MER DERBY CASTLE WORKSHOP AND YARD TOURS

An opportunity to visit the Derby Castle Yard workshops with The Manx Electric Railway Volunteers. 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 M.E.R artefacts will be on display. Tours limited to 15 persons per tour. Tours start at 13:15, 14:15 & 15:15 Please meet at Derby Castle sheds for your tour to start.

£12. To book online visit www.rail.im or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525

MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY LAXEY TO GROUDLE SHUTTLES

Shuttle runs between Laxey Station and Groudle Glen on 1898 Ratchet Car No.14. Departing from Groudle Glen at 10:05, 11:05, 12:05, 13:05, 14:05, 15:05 & 16:05. Returning from Laxey Station at 10:35, 11:35, 12:35, 13:35, 14:35, 15:35 & 16:35* (*to Douglas).

Standard tram fares apply. Go travel cards accepted.

MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY DC STATION TO DC YARD SHUTTLES

Shuttles between Derby Castle Station and Derby Castle Yard using Wickham Railcar No.7442 built in 1956 by Wickham of Ware. It is normally exclusively reserved for Permanent Way duties; however, today it will operate passenger trips in conjunction with Derby Castle Yard Tours with frequent departures from Derby Castle Station to the Yard throughout the day. Please note that the Wickham has limited capacity and you may have to wait to catch your ride to Derby Castle Yard.

£4 return per person. Pay on the day.

GROUDLE GLEN RAILWAY

It's time for something a little different on Diesel & Electric Day! Enjoy a fascinating two-train service showcasing the power and personality of our diesel and electric locomotives. 11:00 until 16:30.

Groudle Glen Railway Workshop Tours are available to book online on Saturday & Sunday – a rare chance to peek behind the doors and discover how these beloved machines are cared for.

Standard Groudle fares apply, or Go Explore Cards accepted. Visit www.ggr.org.uk for more information.

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 from 11:00 until 16:30. Demonstration ore trains will also be in operation today.

Return journey £3 per person, or Go Explore Cards accepted.

MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY EVENING SERVICE WITH ENHANCEMENT

Enjoy a summer's evening ride out on our evening service with Open Cars and Bulkhead trailers is passenger service. Trailers will be lit up for the evening. Open cars subject to fine weather. An additional 20:10 service from Derby Castle to Ramsey will operate using Car No.14. The 22:10 service from Ramsey will include Car No.14 on a parallel run with the standard 22:10 service from Ramsey as far as Laxey.

Standard tram fares apply. Go travel cards accepted.

TRANSPORT FESTIVAL SUMMERTIME GALA DINING TRAIN

Celebrate summertime on our elegant Gala dining train. Four course dinner on board with a scenic trip through the Isle of Man's countryside. Smart attire and fancy frocks.

£50. To book email steamdining@gov.im or call 01624 697457

DAY 6: SUNDAY 02 August 2026

- Operating Timetables: Steam (R), MER (D+), SMR (D) & DBHT (P)

DOUGLAS WORKSHOP, RUNNING SHED AND SIGNAL BOX TOURS

The Isle of Man Steam Railway Supporters' Association 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 islands unique railways are maintained. Tours start: 10:00, 12:00, 14:00 & 16:00 (15 per tour). Please wait at Douglas Station for your tour to start. A guide will come to collect you.

£12. To book online visit www.rail.im or call the Welcome Centre 01624 662525

MANX ELECTRIC RAILWAY INTENSIVE SERVICE

Enjoy the last day of the festival with our traditional intensive services on the M.E.R. Unusual combinations will be in service including No.34 pulling Trailer No.19.

Standard tram fares apply. Go travel cards accepted.

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 book online visit www.rail.im

GOODS VAN RAILWAYANA SALE

A Manx Electric Railway Goods van will be positioned in the Groudle siding at Derby Castle from 10:00 until 15:00 selling a selection of unusual railwayana including trolley wheels, old timetables and anything else interesting we may find! Make sure to visit us.

FREE for all to attend.

DOUGLAS BAY HORSE TRAMWAY STRATHALLAN TERMINUS TRAM DISPLAY

Today all the tramcars will be pushed out of the depot to display in the sidings at the front of The Terminus Tavern and Strathallan Sheds, weather conditions depending. A great opportunity to capture some unique photographs.

FREE for all to attend.

IOM STEAM RAILWAY DOUBLE HEADER DAY

A selection of 'Double Header' and 'Banked trains' the first being the 09:50 departure from Douglas Station where two locos will double head as far as Castletown to commence the day. The second engine be detached at Castletown and will join the rear of the 10:27 back to Douglas as a banked train. The 11:50 from Douglas will operate as a second double header, through to Port Erin. The final 16:00 departure from Port Erin to Douglas will be a banked train. The day will present numerous photographic opportunities with many combinations.

Standard train fares apply. Go Travel cards accepted.

GROUDLE GLEN RAILWAY

Steam lovers, this one's for you! Watch history come alive with four steam locomotives in service, running a lively two-train operation that's sure to delight visitors of all ages. 11:00 until 16:30.

Groudle Glen Railway Workshop Tours are available to book online on Saturday & Sunday – a rare chance to peek behind the doors and discover how these beloved machines are cared for.

Standard Groudle fares apply, or Go Explore Cards accepted. Visit www.ggr.org.uk for more information.

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 from 11:00 until 16:30. Demonstration ore trains will also be in operation today.

Return journey £3 per person, or Go Explore Cards accepted.

VINTAGE TRANSPORT RUNNING DAY AT JURBY TRANSPORT MUSEUM 50th ANNIVERSARY

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, and fire engines and the preserved Douglas Cable Tram dating from the 19th century with some new additions to the collection. Additional bus services using the latest *bus vannin* buses in heritage liveries, No.315 and No.316 on route 19 will operate from Ramsey Tram Station to meet Manx Electric Railway arrivals, while a direct service from Lord Street, Douglas via Ridgeway St, Victoria St, Promenades, Summer Hill and the Manx Arms and over the mountain (weather permitting) will also be provided departing Lord Street at 09:10. A direct bus from Jurby via the Mountain into Douglas will depart at 15:40 or 15:55 from Ramsey Tram Station. Standard bus fares will apply.

Admission free. Donations Welcome (Tap and Donate available). Open from 11:00 to 16:00 with Museum shop, refreshments, and toilets available.

SPECIAL TIMETABLES FOR THE FESTIVAL WEEK:

To be released in due course.

Fares

Please carefully read the **GREEN** text for the fares and admission fees that apply to each event. Certain events can be accessed using your Go Explore card. Where stated other events incur an additional fee payable on the day or pre-booking fees which we would recommend you do as early as possible to avoid disappointment. If you plan to use the heritage bus shuttles, we recommend that you purchase a Go Saver Bus card that offers substantial savings and can be used on all scheduled bus services and heritage bus services throughout the week. Further details of Go Saver cards can be found here:

<https://www.iombusandrail.im/fares-and-go-cards/go-cards/go-saver/>

Dates for the diary:

Friday 7th August 2026: 150th Anniversary celebrations for the Douglas Bay Horse Tramway

Saturday 26th September – Sunday 2nd November: 50th Anniversary of bus nationalisation exhibition at The House of Manannan, Peel

Thursday 1st October 2026: 50th Anniversary celebrations for the Nationalisation of buses

Saturday 31st & Sunday 1st November 2026: End of Season finale weekend special events

Tuesday 27th July – Sunday 1st August 2027: Manx Heritage Transport Festival

We look forward to welcoming you back to our special events.