

# SUMMER OF FUN



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## HERE COMES THE FUN..!

The summer holidays start here with our programme of events and activities for all the family to enjoy...

This year's 'Summer of Fun' is our biggest and best to date - we pride ourselves on offering value for money for families, with most activities being provided for free or for a small donation...

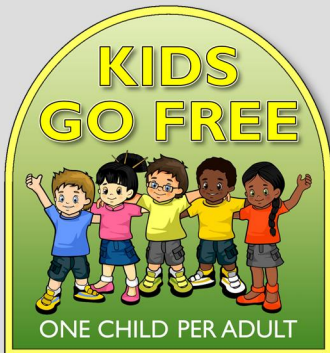
We are working closely with the local community, local businesses and a wide range of artists, crafts-people, musicians, and entertainers to provide a wide range of events - from creative arts and crafts suitable for the very youngest, through family-fun days and activities such as Classic Car shows and the Chippy Train, to our popular evening events featuring live music and tasty food...

There really is so much for families to see and do on both of our railways. Please read on for our 'Summer of Fun' calendar and a summary of the events...

Further details are available on our Facebook page, on our website, or by phone from our main Booking Office in Porthmadog...

Look for our 'Summer of Fun' banner at participating stations and on our website. We hope to see you here this summer...

... and don't forget - one child travels free with each adult on our trains...!



## Rock 'n' Roll at Tan-y-Bwlch

One Night Only -  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Put your sneakers on and get set to enjoy tasty food and rock 'n' roll music, as 1950s style group 'The Del Sharrons' return to the railway by popular demand...

Travel to picturesque Tan-y-Bwlch station, set in one of Snowdonia's wooded valleys, for an evening of lively music - including Doo Wop, Rockabilly, Rock 'n' Roll and Sixties pop - performed by this band of young musicians from Leicester, who visited us for the first time last year...

Your special train leaves Porthmadog at 19:15. Due to popular demand, advanced booking is required for this evening - and it is also advisable to pre-order your food. Please phone our main Booking Office on **01766 516024** to make your reservation.

### Train and entertainment:

First Class -

Adult £26.00 Child £19.00

Standard Class -

Adult £22.00 Child £15.00

'All you can eat' Barbecue - £9.50

Cheese Platter for Two - £8.50

\* Filled Jacket Potatoes and Desserts can be purchased 'on the night'. Hot and cold beverages and a licensed bar are also available throughout the evening.



## Monday Funnies

*Every Monday -  
25<sup>th</sup> July to 29<sup>th</sup> August*

There's a whole barrel of fun to be had at Tan-y-Bwlch station this summer - where 'Pirate Ricardo' will be on hand to enthral children with his very special brand of jokes, skulduggery, magic tricks, stories, fun and games - and not forgetting his friendly pet python, 'Trio'...

There'll also be crafting activities, games, a colouring competition - and a children's playground for the under-11 yrs. You can explore nature trails from the station to tranquil lakes nestling in the woods - or enjoy the delicious range of homemade snacks and cakes in our station café...

'Pirate Ricardo' will meet you from the train and then perform his show at 14:15 - something you do not want to miss..!



## Tuesday Green Crafts

*Every Tuesday -  
26<sup>th</sup> July to 23<sup>rd</sup> August*

Eco/slate craft activities at Blaenau Ffestiniog with Dale and Leann...

Blaenau Ffestiniog is rich in industrial history and has a global reputation as a centre for slate production and for its historic railway connections...

To mark this dual heritage, our younger visitors will have the opportunity to draw or paint on recycled pieces of slate from Llechwedd Slate Caverns to create works of art on the station platform...

Other green crafts available include simple weaving and braiding using recycled wool and fabrics, as well as paper crafts using cardboard and paper. There will also be kids' games and competitions - all under the cover of the station canopy...





## The Chippy Train

*Every Tuesday and Thursday -  
26<sup>th</sup> July to 25<sup>th</sup> August*

Can we tempt your taste buds with our 'Chippy Train' special..?

Yes, we can..! Travel with us on a round-trip to Blaenau Ffestiniog on our 18:05 departure. Make the most of your holiday by enjoying the scenic splendour of the Snowdonia National Park and tucking into freshly-cooked food at the same time.

Your menu choice will be brought on-board from 'Ian's Fish Restaurant' at Blaenau Ffestiniog. The only thing you have to worry about is choosing between delicious fish, jumbo sausage, chicken or pie to accompany your scrumptious chips.

Bookings should be made before 15:00 on the day - phone **01766 516024** for full menu details and to book your tickets...



## Magic Wednesdays

*Every Wednesday -  
27<sup>th</sup> July to 24<sup>th</sup> August*

"Now you see it, now you don't..!"

You'll be amazed by talented magician and caricature artist, Nigel Vaughan, as he thrills young and old alike at Tan-y-Bwlch station between 11:00 and 16:00.

Watch out for his 'mix and mingle' magic involving a variety of close-up and walk-about tricks using everyday objects...

Nigel's talent doesn't end there - he will also be on hand to draw your very own caricature for a small charge...

Other activities taking place at Tan-y-Bwlch station include games and the children's playground for the under-11 yrs.

Don't forget the woodland walks to pretty lakes - and tasty treats at the station café - making this an ideal family day-out...





## Beddgelert Crafter-noons

*Every Thursday and Friday -  
28<sup>th</sup> July to 26<sup>th</sup> August*

Calling all creative kids - an exciting programme of fun craft and art activities will be taking place in the marquee on Beddgelert Station between 11:00-16:00.

A great success during last year's 'Clay Days', the popular clay table will be back, offering children the chance to let their imaginations run wild, making everything from crazy clay creatures to hand built sculptures, to little coiled and pinch pots.

There will also be pebble and slate painting, paper and cardboard crafts, as well as colouring-in and drawing on the giant blackboard...

The marquee is also being used as a 'pop-up' venue to showcase local arts and crafts throughout the week...



## Jazz in the Park

*Every Thursday evening -  
28<sup>th</sup> July to 25<sup>th</sup> August*

Tan-y-Bwlch will come alive to the sound of live jazz again this summer. Join our popular regulars, 'Dr Jazz', for a fun evening of foot-tapping jazz and a BBQ. We provide indoor and outdoor seating and there's always the opportunity for a dance - hopefully out in the open air...

An 'all you can eat' barbecue adds to the summery atmosphere. If you prefer a lighter option, a savoury cheese platter provides a tasty alternative...

'Jazz in the Park' trains leave Porthmadog at 19:15. Advanced booking is required for these evenings due to popular demand - and it is also advisable to pre-order your food. Phone our main Booking Office on **01766 516024** to make your reservation.

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## Vintage 1940s Day and Classic Car Show

*Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> July*

Spend time in Blaenau Ffestiniog between 10:00-17:00 and experience the sights and sounds of the 1940s...

Glen Miller's on the wireless and Britain is at war. You'll see young evacuees arriving at Blaenau Ffestiniog station with their gas masks. You'll see cars and clothes of the period and even meet Land Army girls..!

There's a chance to ride on the footplate of an historic steam locomotive, alongside the Ffestiniog Railway's station platform...

There's plenty going on around the town - fairground stalls, live music, tea dance, swing dancing, talks, a quiz, and a 'make do and mend' exhibition. There are prizes for the best costumes - so why not join in the fun and dress up in the style of the era..?



## Footplate Rides and Weekend Fun Activities

Come and enjoy a footplate ride on an historic narrow-gauge steam locomotive. The friendly engine driver will tell you all about the steam engine and then you can enjoy an exciting ride through the station - and there's more fun stuff to do once you've had a trip on the engine..!

### Caernarfon Station:

*Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> August* - Footplate rides, face painting and kids' entertainment...

*Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> August* - Footplate rides, face painting and 'Dr Zig's Extraordinary Bubbles Show'...

### Harbour Station, Porthmadog:

*Every Saturday from 30<sup>th</sup> July to 27<sup>th</sup> August* Footplate rides and kids' entertainment...

### Blaenau Ffestiniog Station:

*Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> July* - Footplate rides...





## Family Fun Day and Classic Car Show

*Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> August*

Join us at Dinas on the Welsh Highland Railway, for a celebration of classic cars, motorcycles and other historic vehicles...

This fun-packed day features a fantastic display of over sixty vehicles, including local favourite - the 1955 Bedford Coach operated by 'Whiteway of Waunfawr'...

There's plenty of entertainment for all the family. Additional activities taking place include footplate rides on a Victorian steam locomotive, wagon shunting and rides in vintage carriages...

Inside the goods shed there will be stalls, hot and cold food and refreshments, as well as crafts and children-friendly activities. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Shoreline Skiffle Band...



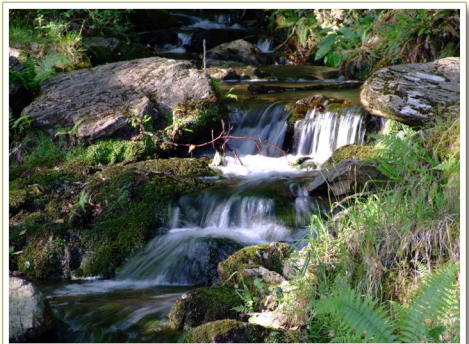
## Plas Tan y Bwlch Walks

*Daily - from Tan-y-Bwlch Station*

If you love the great outdoors and would enjoy an interesting walk through scenic woodlands and landscaped grounds, then the walks in Plas Tan y Bwlch are perfect for you and your family..!

A two-mile trail leads from the station to an imposing 18th Century mansion, built for a local slate-quarry owner. A free trail guide is available from the station café, this will lead you on a leisurely 45-60 minute walk from the railway, past tumbling streams, ancient trees, a sparkling lake and picturesque Victorian landscaping to reach terraced walkways and the Dwyryd Tea Room beside the magnificent house...

If you would like to explore the gardens and see inside parts of the house, please pay a £4 admission fee at the tearoom...





## Food on our Trains

Do you want to make the most of your day..? Then why not indulge yourself from our exciting new menus available on the Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railways..?

We offer excellent food and drink, together with a quality dining service and the idyllic views of Snowdonia.

Travelling on the Ffestiniog Railway..? Our stewards come through the train and take your order from the menu. We have a wide range of hot, cold and alcoholic drinks - plus confectionery, cakes and biscuits - served at your seat.

Enjoying the Welsh Highland Railway..? As well as offering the above selections, we also have new and improved light bites and refreshments options. Try one of our freshly made sandwiches, Welsh Rarebit on toast or be more adventurous and tuck into a Quarter-pound Welsh Beefburger or Jumbo Hot Dog.

That should get your taste buds going... ..and for something more filling - sample our new main course options, all at reasonable prices... Choose from our spicy, traditional or vegetarian dishes - and don't forget to wash it down with your choice of four refreshing Great Orme beers...

