

'SUPER-POWER : WELSH HIGHLAND STARS'

FRIDAY 15th SEPTEMBER - SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2017

This year's 'Super-Power' event on the Welsh Highland Railway has been themed to celebrate the International Dark Sky Reserve status held by the Snowdonia National Park. This prestigious award is given to destinations that have proven the quality of their night air is outstanding and that real efforts are being made to minimise light pollution. Wales now has the highest percentage of its skies designated as an International Dark Sky Reserve of any country on Planet Earth. Every locomotive running on the Welsh Highland during 'Super-Power' will carry the name of a star constellation - each of which holds a story and a significance in Welsh folklore... *We are also hoping to work closely with the 'Snowdonia Solar System' project in the future - we'll let you have details when they are finalised.*

There will be numerous freight, mixed and vintage trains running, in addition to the standard WHR service trains - with a wide variety of motive power and loco combinations. All three NG/G16 Garratts will be working and Funkey diesel 'Vale of Ffestiniog' will see use on freight and passenger trains over the weekend. Vintage and additional service trains will be handled by 'Lyd', 'Earl of Merioneth' and 'Prince'...

Demonstration freight trains have always been popular at 'Super-Power'. There's a range of services planned this year - including one worked by double-headed Garratts, complete with auxiliary water tanker wagon...!!! Vintage trains will run on Friday and Sunday - including a photo-stop opportunity at Tryfan Junction in both directions on Sunday - with the vintage carriages being used on mixed train services on Saturday. This will be a busy day with a rake of Ffestiniog Railway carriages in use providing two extra full-line services over the WHR - one behind the 'Earl of Merioneth' and one behind 'Vale of Ffestiniog'. Sunday starts off with an early-morning Breakfast train to Rhyd Ddu, rapidly followed by a wide range of trains to keep you entertained all day - full details and times will, of course, be available in the 'Welsh Highland Stars' Guide.

Dinas Station and Yard will be open to the public on Saturday - with a variety of stalls, displays and café in the Goods Shed. 'Lilla' will be busy providing short train rides, while the engine shed will be open for you to see progress on NG/G16 No.130, NG15 No.134 - and 'K1'.

NB: Dinas will also be hosting Dark Skies events on Friday & Saturday.

TICKET CHOICES AND EVENT GUIDE

THREE-DAY 'SUPER-POWER' ROVER

Valid from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th September 2017 incl. for travel on all regular timetabled Welsh Highland Railway trains, plus the additional vintage and mixed trains that are running during the event. Also includes entry to Dinas Yard on Saturday 16th September. (Supplementary ticket required for Friday's social evening and/or Saturday's Dark Skies experience)

'WELSH HIGHLAND STARS' GUIDE

A vital 'one-stop' guide to the weekend - detailed working timetables, loco rosters, stock formations etc., with additional information on activities taking place during the event.

ONE-DAY 'SUPER-POWER' ROVER

Available for Friday 15th, Saturday 16th or Sunday 17th Sept. Valid for travel on all regular timetabled WHR service trains, plus the additional vintage and mixed trains operating on the date shown on the ticket. Saturday Rover ticket also includes entry to Dinas Yard. (A supplementary ticket is required for Friday's social evening and/or Saturday's Dark Skies experience)

PLEASE PRE-BOOK FOR ACTIVITIES BELOW

There are a number of activities this weekend which require pre-booking due to limits on numbers or catering requirements. Please read the notes, then book early to avoid disappointment.

FRIDAY - 'SNOWDONIA TO THE STARS'

18:30-22:00 in Dinas Goods Shed - Informal evening social with time to chat with friends over supper - followed by a slideshow with renowned landscape photographer, Kris Williams, who lives on Anglesey. The amazing night skies of North Wales inspire him to take his camera out at all times and in all weathers. His photos are breath-taking and this talk gives an insight into the lengths he goes to get that perfect shot..!

Tickets cost £6.50 per person and include a hot supper of Lobscows, Chilli con Carne or Ratatouille. Café/bar on site - open 16:00-21:00 Food served 18:30-19:30 • After-dinner talk 20:00 • Lights Out 22:00

Must be pre-booked - phone 01766 516024 - due to seating limits

SATURDAY - 'LEGENDS OF THE HEAVENS'

Dinas Goods Shed - 'Dark Sky Wales' will be giving 45 minute shows in their digital planetarium, where guests will enjoy a fascinating tour of the night sky above North Wales, looking at constellations and their relationship to Celtic mythology - including tales from the Mabinogion. There will also be an opportunity to have a go at solar/star gazing with powerful telescopes (depending on time of day and weather conditions).

Shows will take place on the hour, every hour, from 10:00 until 21:00
Tickets: Adults / Concessions £5.00 Children £2.50

Tickets for these presentations can be booked in advance - by phone on 01766 516024 or online at www.festrail.co.uk

SATURDAY - 'LŌN GWYRFAI GUIDED WALK'

Continuing our tradition of providing something for visitors whose main interest is not train related, we've organised a guided walk along the Lôn Gwyrfaï path between Rhyd Ddu and Beddgelert. David Firth will lead the walk and point out items of historical interest along the way.

Meet at Rhyd Ddu 11:00 for the walk to Beddgelert, finishing at 15:00

A packed lunch can be ordered for collection from café-bus at Rhyd Ddu before starting the walk. These will cost £5 and include a filled bap (Ham & Mustard, Cheese & Pickle, Tuna & Cucumber or Red Pepper Hummus & Leaves), with crisps, biscuit bar, piece of fruit and a drink.

Dietary restrictions can be catered for, if notified when booking.

Please book your place on the walk - and order your packed lunch, if required - with Porthmadog Booking Office on 01766 516024. A Saturday or 3-Day 'Super-Power' Rover ticket is also required.

SUNDAY - 'EARLY BIRD BREAKFAST'

Get the final day of 'Welsh Highland Stars' off to a great start by joining the 07:45 'Early Bird' trip to Rhyd Ddu and treat yourself to one of Allison's Breakfast Baps to eat along the way. Enjoy a delicious soft bap with bacon, sausage and grilled tomato - plus tea/coffee - for just £5.

Please order in advance with Booking Office on 01766 516024. A Sunday or 3-Day 'Super-Power' Rover ticket is also required.

SUNDAY - 'CAERNARFON'S NEW STATION'

13:00-14:00 at Caernarfon - Site 'visit' and talk on progress and plans for Caernarfon's new station project with Paul Lewin and Dafydd Thomas.

Please book your place with the Booking Office on 01766 516024. WHRS Members or 'Super-Power' Rover ticket holders only.

CRHe / WHRS MEMBERS TICKETING RESTRICTIONS - 15th to 17th SEPTEMBER 2017

Members free travel and accompanied guest entitlement are suspended for the 'Super-Power' event. Privilege rate fares will apply to all travel by CRHe/WHRs members.

THREE-DAY SUPER-POWER ROVER:

Friday 15th - Sunday 17th September 2017

Third Class:	Adult	£75.00	Number Req'd	Value
†	Child	£37.50		
	Free Child	-		£ 0.00

Privilege Rate:	Adult	£32.00		
(Third Class)	Child	£16.00		
†	Free Child ('Y Cerdyn' only)	-		£ 0.00

DAY ROVER - Please tick your choice:

	FRI	SAT	SUN	Number Req'd	Value
Third Class:					
†	Adult				£ 39.80
	Child				£ 19.90
	Free Child				£ 0.00

Privilege Rate:	Adult				£ 16.00
(Third Class)	Child				£ 8.00
†	Free Child ('Y Cerdyn' only)				£ 0.00

EVENT GUIDE: *

Detailed working timetables with loco rosters, stock formations and full information on the weekend's events.

	Number Req'd	Value
		£ 3.00
TOTAL		£

* Please provide your email address if you would also like to receive an advance pdf copy of the Event Guide...

Email Address: _____ (Please write clearly to ensure accuracy of transcription)



Don't forget to phone Porthmadog Booking Office on 01766 516024 to book your place (or order food) for any of the activities shown overleaf

PLEASE COMPLETE IN FULL BEFORE POSTING - THANK YOU!

* **Privilege Tickets** - FRS • WHRS • TRPS • National Rail Staff • 'Y Cerdyn' holders
Please circle as applicable and write Card / Membership number(s) below

Name: _____
Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Daytime Tel. No: _____

Please circle payment method: **Cheque • Card** Which Card? _____

Card Number: _____

Start Date _____ / _____ / _____ Expiry Date _____ / _____ / _____ Issue / Security No _____ Signature _____

*** Cheques should be made payable to 'Ffestiniog Railway Company' ***

Please send Booking Form with an **A5** S.A.E. (65p First Class mail), to arrive no later than 8th September, to:
'Welsh Highland Stars', Booking Office, Ffestiniog & Welsh Highland Railways
Harbour Station, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9NF (Tel: 01766 516024)

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Date Received	/	/	Signature	
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Date Processed	/	/	TICKETS / EVENT GUIDES ISSUED:	
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Adult				Saturday
Child				Sunday
Free Child				Adult
Priv Adult				Child
Priv Child				Free Child
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				Priv Child
			Event Guide	
Tickets Posted	/	/	To be collected at _____	

† **Children:** All under 3yr olds travel FREE and do not need a ticket. One Child 3-15yrs old travels FREE with each Adult. Additional children travel at half-fare. Note exceptions for Privilege fares.