

'SPRING THING' - A HANDY GUIDE

The Easter weekend is full of 'family-fun' extras and most of them are free. The middle of the week has a 'Green Theme' while the May Bank Holiday weekend sees more railway and heritage type events.

Tan-y-Bwlch station will be a busy place to visit all week. From 22nd to 25th April there are stalls and demonstrations around the station area, with childrens' craft and activity tables by the station café to give the kids a chance to make their own Easter hats, masks and puppets. Don't forget our recently extended childrens' play area too.

From 26th to 28th April we are joined by our friends from 'Natur Cymru' and the 'Countryside Council for Wales', so come and find out more about our local woodlands. There are walks each day and you are bound to find out something you didn't know before from our entertaining guides.

Blaenau Ffestiniog station has extra activities on the 24th and 25th April as quarrymen from Llechwedd Slate Caverns demonstrate their skill in splitting slate, while there's also the chance to ride the footplate of one of our ex-quarry engines. While in Blaenau, take the chance to explore and find out more about the history of this fascinating town.

The Old Court House - 'Cellb' - is just a short walk from the station and its popular first floor café looks out towards the quarries above. There are short historical films playing in the café all week.

Beddgelert is always a popular spot and there are several events going on in the village, as well as some displays and refreshments at the station.

At **Wanawawr**, the Snowdonia Parc brewpub is holding a family fun day on Easter Monday 25th April. Arrive by train from Caernarfon or Porthmadog/Pont Croesor/Beddgelert and join in our Easter Egg hunt along the line.

Elsewhere, there are walks around the Welsh Highland on Tuesday and Thursday and an outdoor activity day is offered by Aberglaslyn Hall for up to 12 people.

There is so much going on, we just can't write it all down! Visit our website - www.festrail.co.uk - or ring our main Porthmadog Booking Office - **01766 516024** - for more details of specific events each day.

TICKET PROMOTIONS

We have organised some special discounts to make your holiday money go further during our 'Spring Thing' event:

Holders of tickets from Llechwedd Slate Caverns at Blaenau Ffestiniog receive a 10% discount on a Ffestiniog Railway or Welsh Highland Railway train - and railway ticket holders receive a similar discount at the caverns.

Holders of CADW entrance tickets for Caernarfon Castle receive a 10% discount on a Welsh Highland Railway train - railway ticket holders get a similar discount at the castle.

BOOK SIGNINGS

Renowned railway author John Stretton will launch his new book *'Ffestiniog Recollections'* during the 'Spring Thing' event. He will be in Beddgelert on Saturday 23rd, Porthmadog on Sunday 24th and Blaenau Ffestiniog on Monday 25th April.

Welsh author Alun John Richards will be signing copies of his interesting new book *'The Rails and Sails of Welsh Slate'*, at Porthmadog on the morning of 30th April.

PORTHMADOG EXHIBITIONS

Don't miss the Model Railway show in the Ganolfan - across the bridge from Harbour Station - or the display of railway paintings at the Rob Piercy Gallery in Snowdon Street.

EXTRA TRAINS

In addition to our main service trains, special Vintage trains will be running between Porthmadog and Tan-y-Bwlch - as well as between Porthmadog and Pont Croesor/Beddgelert/Rhyd Ddu - to help you to get about during the event.

INDONESIAN LOCOMOTIVE VISIT

Look out for newly-restored Mallet No.9, which used to work on a sugar cane railway in Indonesia, but is now based on the Statfold Barn Railway near Tamworth, Staffordshire. This unusual articulated steam locomotive will be in action pulling Vintage trains on the Welsh Highland Railway.



THE 'SPRING THING'

ELEVEN FUN-FILLED DAYS FOR ALL THE FAMILY

22nd APRIL to 2nd MAY



With four bank holidays and a royal wedding within a few days, what better excuse to hold a special event? 'Spring Thing' brings together events on and around both of our railways - children's activities, footplate rides, craft stalls, guided walks, vintage trains, model railway show, farmer's market and much more...

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Blaenau Ffestiniog											
Tan-y-Bwlch (Café open daily)											
Porthmadog (Café/Bar open daily)											
Pont Croesor											
Nantmor											
Beddgelert											
Rhyd Ddu											
Waunfawr											
Tryfan Junction											
Caernarfon											

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS KEY:

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Further information on 'Spring Thing' activities and events is available from Porthmadog Booking Office - phone **01766 516024** - or can be found on the F&WHR website - www.festrail.co.uk