Feeling hungry? Or fancy a freshly ground coffee?

#### THE FIREMAN'S SHOVEL

We're keeping a welcome on the hillside for you at the Fireman's Shovel refreshment room.

Sit inside and savour the vintage atmosphere, or enjoy your refreshments amidst stunning scenery on the platform.

We stock a variety of treats & snacks, including a wide range of hot and cold drinks, through to Sidoli's ice cream!

#### WELL BEHAVED DOGS ARE WELCOME!

If you have any specific dietary requirements or want anything altered in your order, please ask. Much of our food is made fresh to order and we can often be flexible!









### **STATION FACILITIES**

WHISTLE INN HALT















BIG PIT HALT



BLAENAVON HIGH LEVEL



**BIG PIT HALT: WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE WAITING** ROOM, ALL FACILITIES ARE OPERATED BY NATIONAL MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES OF WALES. CALL FOR DETAILS 0300 111 2333. THE CAR-PARK IS PAY AND DISPLAY.

THE PUBLIC HOUSE AT WHISTLE INN HALT: IS PRIVATELY RUN, AND THE PICNIC AREA, TOILETS AND CAR PARK ARE FOR VISITORS OF THE BUSINESS. CALL TO CHECK OPENING HOURS - 01495 790403





Are you looking for a gift to celebrate a special occasion? Or perhaps you'd like to treat yourself? WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- A choice of Steam or Diesel experience!
- A full round trip with the driver on the footplate, lasting just over an hour A further round trip assisting the guard
  - A complimentary ticket for a companion to ride on the train A certificate to commemorate the day

For more information, speak to one of our friendly volunteers or email us to discuss your requirements. Please see our website for full terms & conditions.

### BECOME A **MEMBER** BECOME A **VOLUNTEER**

Our railway is operated and maintained by a small group of dedicated volunteers, and were always on the look out for new recruits! Skilled, unskilled, physical or clerical, all efforts are respected and welcomed

Membership starts from only £7.50 a year for under 18s & £15.00 a year for adults.



Explore the benefits of becoming a member by visiting our website!

SIGN UP TODAY!

WWW.PBRLY.CO.UK/MEMBERSHIP

## **HOW TO FIND US**

We are just off the B4248 At Garn-Yr-Erw between Blaenavon & Brynmawr As you get closer to the railway, look out for brown and white train sign.

> Post code for SatNav is NP4 9AX. Travelling by train or bus? See our website for details

Services are operated by The Pontypool & Blaenavon Railway Co. (1983) Ltd. We always strive to provide the advertised service. However, the Company reserves the right to modify or cancel services when circumstances dictate. Please visit our website for the full terms and conditions of travel.

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Photographs by: Alistair Grieve, Alan Parry & Steve Thomas Leaflet designed by Thomas Edwards ~ www.edwardsprint.co.uk Gift shopping? Look no further!

## **ERIC'S EMPORIUM**

Our little on-site shop, named after and dedicated to long-serving volunteer Eric Edwards, offers a wider range of gifts and souvenirs to commemorate your visit, as well as children's toys, books, and an extensive range of model railway supplies!



Eric's Emporium is open every running day of the season! If you cannot wait until then, why not **VISIT OUR RAILWAY SHOP** Open Monday - Saturday

#### **VISIT THE RAILWAY SHOP PONTYPOOL & BLAENAVON RAILWAY SOCIETY**

OPENING TIMES

MONDAY-FRIDAY / 10:30 AM TILL 5 PM SATURDAY / 10:30 AM TILL 4 PM SUNDAY / CLOSED

🖄 33 BROAD ST, BLAENAVON, TORFAEN, NP4 9NF 🔲 01495 792263

#### **MODEL RAILWAY CLUB**

The Pontypool & Blaenavon Model Railway Club is based at Furnace Sidings and meets on Tuesdays between 11am and 3pm, and Fridays between 7pm and 10pm.

The club is developing layouts in O, OO, OO9 and N gauge, and is open to members of both the Pontypool and Blaenavon Company and Society. We are also open to the public on selected events throughout the year - contact us for more information. The club is very active and always welcomes new members,

regardless of skill, ability or age.

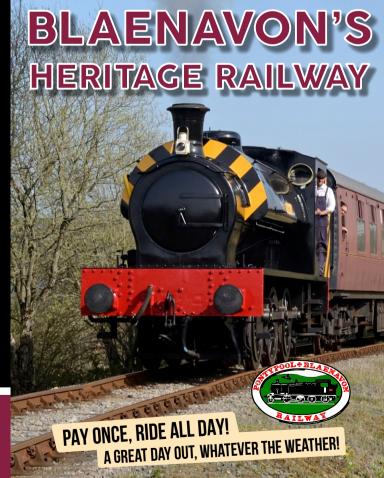
FOR FURTHER DETAILS

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/PandBMRC

INFORMATION, EVENTS & TIMETABLE 2020



TRAVEL ON THE HIGHEST STANDARD GAUGE RAILWAY IN WALES THROUGH THE STUNNING

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

**01495 792263** WWW.PBRLY.CO.UK

A THE RAILWAY STATION, FURNACE SIDINGS, GARN YR ERW, BLAENAVON, PONTYPOOL, NP4 9AX





### **EVENTS & CALENDAR**

#### HERITAGE RAILWAY





















DATES	EVENTS	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
April 4th & 5th	Volunteer Recruitment Weekend	MTWTFSS	MTWTFSS	MTWTFSS	MTWTFSS	MTWTFSS
April 10th - 13th	Easter Weekend	4 5 10 11 12	2 3 8 9 10	6 7 13 14	4 5 11 12	5 8 9
May 8th - 10th	VE Bank Holiday	13 18 19	<mark>16 17</mark>	<b>2021</b>	<b>18 19</b>	12 <b>15 16</b>
May 24th & 25th	Coal Train Weekend	<b>25 26</b>	23 24 25 27 30 31	<mark>27 28</mark>	22 25 26 29	19 22 23 26 29 <mark>30</mark>
June 13th & 14th	Model Railway Show				_	31
July 18th & 19th	Steampunk Extraordinarium	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
August 30th & 31st	Classic Transport Rally	MTWTFSS	MTWTFSS	MTWTFSS	MTWTFSS	MTWTFSS
September 11th - 13th	Annual Steam Gala	5 6 11 12 13			5 6 12 13	
October 28th – 31st	Halloween Ghost Trains	19 20		CLOSED	19 20	CLOSED
Throughout December	Steam Santa Specials	26 27	28 29 30 31			

We operate on weekends between Easter and late September, selected Wednesdays during school holidays, and at Halloween and Christmas.

#### KEYS

STEAM RUNNING DAY DIESEL RUNNING DAY

VINTAGE TRAIN RUNNING DAY

SPECIAL EVENT DAY

### **NEW FOR 2020**

GIFT VOUCHERS BRAND NEW WEBSITE

1/3 OFF FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS\* \*Simply show valid ID at the ticket office to prove address. For Blaenavon residents only, excludes special events

### CREAM TEA FOR TWO

ENJOY A RIDE ON THE RAILWAY & A CREAM TEA FOR TWO

> **BOOK NOW** FROM ONLY £25.00



WAITING ROOM



FREE CAR PARK





TEA ROOM



PUBLIC HOUSE



CHILDREN

TICKET OFFICE









near Whistle Inn Halt.





PICNIC AREA



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disabled toilets 4 Baby Changing



ERIC'S EMPORIUM

## TICKETS



TWO TRAIN DAY

£5.00 £5.00

ADULT £10.00 £9.00 CONCESSION £9.00 00.8£

FAMILY (2 ADULTS + 3 CHILDREN) £23.00 £25.00 DOGS, BIKES & UNDER 3'S GO FREE!

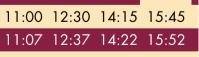
> ONE FREE ADULT CARER PER FULL FARE PAYING DISABLED CHILD/ADULT.

TICKET PRICES MAY DIFFER ON SPECIAL EVENTS

# TIMETABLE

**TRAIN** DAY

ONE



FURNACE SIDINGS D Χ Χ Χ 11:18 12:48 14:33 16:03 FURNACE SIDINGS D 11:25 12:55 14:40 16:10

COED AVON D\* 11:36 13:06 14:51 16:21 BLAENAVON HIGH LEVEL D 11:55 13:25 15:10 16:40

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

AND ON INFORMATION BOARDS AT EVERY STATION.

1981





CONTINUE THE HISTORY TIMELINE ON OUR WEBSITE

#### OUR STORY

The Heads of the

Valleys Railway opens

1869-1879

Line opens to goods and passengers from Brynmawr to Blaenavon, and to passengers only between Talywain and Pontypool

**OPEN FOR** 1941-1954 **BUSINESS!** 

Passenger service and goods trains withdrawn: Pontypool to Brynmawr Line to Brynmawr

CLOSED!

Big Pit **CLOSES** bringing an end to regular trains on the line. Last train to Furnace Sidings.

Railway saved by volunteers and opens for business.

1983

Photograph Tim Goss, Steve Rooke & Mark Vrettos



**2008** European funding for Blaenavon extension

**2010** Blaenavon High Level station opens.

**2011** Big Pit station opens and Furnace Sidings station building completed.

and Big Pit overhaul approved.

**2016** Coed Avon extension opens

**2018** Work commences on our new carriage shed **2019 150**th Anniversary of the first trains to Blaenavon