



Ribble Steam Railway

Chain Caul Road Preston PR2 2TU

PRESS RELEASE

MAY 2004

JUNE OPEN DAYS

This event is additional to our planned programme as our contribution to City of Preston's European Cities Week (14th to 20th June). RSR are participating in events on Riversway in conjunction with our local partners.

Friday 18th June will be an Education Day with School parties. This will be our first experience of opening incomplete Museum for Educational purposes.

Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th will be Open Days for general public. We will be making a small admission charge. Special souvenir tickets will be issued. Conducted tours will take place at regular intervals between 1100 and 1600. Our friends at RIBBLE VEHICLE PRESERVATION TRUST will again be running free bus trips using their heritage restored vehicles around Riversway to provide link from the fairground in area by "The Ribble Pilot" Public House/Restaurant and onto our facilities. At our premises Bolton and District Model Railway Club are operating their "KNOTT END" layout. Radio GB200RBC will be broadcasting from Museum having made debut at York RAILFEST in May. We are expecting to offer a number of other "specials".

We will be running demonstration trains on both days using (subject to availability) Agecroft No 2 (built 1948 by Robert Stephens & Hawthorne, works number 7485) and D2148 (built by British Rail in Swindon in 1960 then sold onto The National Coal Board Opencast Executive at Bowyers Row Disposal Point, Astley, Yorkshire in 1973) possibly in top and tail mode with rake of restored wagons. D2148 received full overhaul in our Workshops in 2003 returning to traffic early 2004 to operate demonstration freight train in our yard. Agecroft No2 has been on loan to East Lancashire Railway for use in their Thomas events and returns to us freshly repainted.

Buffet and Shop will be available throughout both days.

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