





Following the roaring success of last year's 50th-birthday gala, Lappa Valley near St Newlyn East is set to echo with whistles and cheers once more as part of the national Railway 200 celebrations this weekend (14 & 15 June).

In 2024, the attraction marked its golden anniversary with one of the biggest gala weekends it's ever hosted, showcasing its full loco fleet across a variety of rare services. This year, to honour the 200th anniversary of train travel, Lappa Valley promises an equally spectacular celebration.

The weekend will once again feature every available locomotive on the 15" gauge railway - running in spectacular double and triple-headed formations; thrilling parallel runs, non-stop and "top 'n' tailed" services. Meanwhile, the attractions two other railways will also be hosting visiting engines and running special services.

Confirmed engines include:

- Visiting 7.25" steam locomotives *Kilgarragh* and *Tazmin*
- Lappa Valley's beloved steam fleet: *Zebedee*, *Muffin*, *Ellie*
- Diesel stars: *City of Derby*, *City of Truro*
- 10.25" diesels: *Eric* and *The Duke*
- Static exhibits: *Arthur*, *Duke of Cornwall*, *Victoria*, *APT*, *HST*, plus numerous miniature traction engines.

Ben Harding, Operations Director, said:

“Last June was truly memorable—three days of non-stop steam and diesel, culminating in emotional routines like Zebedee recreating our first ever train exactly 50 years on, and our longest train ever drawing rapturous applause.

“Now, with the Railway 200 celebration, the entire team is absolutely thrilled to bring back that same sense of wonder and celebration. Months of preparation are paying off, and we can’t wait to welcome guests to another extraordinary weekend. The parallel run racing trains are especially exciting—it’s a real crowd-pleaser seeing two or more engines charging down the line side by side. There’s nothing quite like it!”

The timetable for the weekend’s services is on the Lappa Valley website, where pre-booking is highly recommended.

Event Highlights:

- All-locomotive line-up in high-octane formations
- Rare parallel running and top-’n-tailed operations
- Visiting steam locomotives on the Lakeside Railway and traction engine displays
- Family-friendly exhibits drawing on Lappa’s rich heritage
- Standard admission applies.

Event Details:

- **Dates:** 14–15 June 2025
- **Location:** Lappa Valley, St Newlyn East, Newquay, TR8 5LX
- **Tickets & Info:** Available on the Lappa Valley website.

About Lappa Valley:

Tucked into Cornwall’s countryside, Lappa Valley blends family fun with heritage railway charm. The award-winning attraction features a 15” gauge railway, indoor and outdoor play, café, shops, and more. Drawing over 100,000 guests annually, Lappa is renowned for creating unforgettable memories, and was named Railway of the Year 2025 in the Heritage Railway Association Awards.

Images attached:

Grand Finale.jpg: Last year’s grand finale, which featured every available locomotive on our main railway.

zebedee-city-of-truro.jpg: Lappa Valley’s original Locomotive Zebedee pulls a double-headed train with Lappa Valley’s newest Locomotive “City of Truro”.

Muffin and Zebedee Non-Stop Cornishman.jpg: Muffin and Zebedee double-head “The Cornishman” non-stop services flying through the station at East Wheal Rose.

Videos:

Lappa Valley's 50th Birthday weekend celebrations grand finale - the longest train we've ever run!

<https://youtu.be/00K6TC8CiLo>

Highlights from Lappa Valley's 50th Birthday Celebration Weekend

<https://youtu.be/O8EYZyToQmk>