



# Downpatrick & County Down Railway Society

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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Mince Pie Specials at Downpatrick Railway Offer Turkey-free New Year**

Fed up with turkey and ham leftovers from Christmas? Nothing to do after New Year's Day, knowing that the kids will be bored rigid before going back to school?

Well, this Sunday the Downpatrick Railway Museum is offering something a little bit different to keep the Holiday Blues away, with a "Mince Pie" train.

Railway Museum chairman Michael Collins says, "Although Santa is gone, mums and dads everywhere are still looking for something to do with the kids instead of watching endless repeats on the television."

Mr. Collins says that there is a treat in store for all visitors, "All guests will receive a free mince or apple pie while relaxing on board a heritage diesel train coasting through the County Down countryside, as a well as a wee tippie for those not driving."

"Our trains normally stop running after Santa's visit to the railway, but this time we're adding an extra day to our calendar," adds Mr. Collins.

Mr. Collins says that this is the first time a "Mince Pie Special" has been run at the popular County Down attraction, "Many heritage railways, such as the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway in Yorkshire, offer extra Mince Pie Specials over the Christmas period, and this hasn't happened in Northern Ireland before, so we thought we'd fill the gap!

"Downpatrick Railway Museum is your guaranteed sanctuary from turkey sandwiches," jokes Mr. Collins.

Doors open at the Downpatrick Railway Museum at 2pm this Sunday, 2nd January and trains run until 5pm, and normal train fares apply at £4.50 adults, £3.50 children and senior citizens.

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