



# 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 on New Year's Day, knowing that the kids will be bored rigid before going back to school?

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

Railway 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 well as a wee tipple 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 the "Mince Pie Specials" have returned following the success of last year's pioneering venture.

"Many heritage railways, such as the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway in Yorkshire, offer extra Mince Pie Specials over the Christmas period," Mr Collins says, "And we found that they were extremely popular with young families."

"The Downpatrick & County Down Railway is your guaranteed sanctuary from turkey sandwiches," jokes Mr. Collins.

Doors open at the Railway station at 2pm this Sunday, 1st 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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