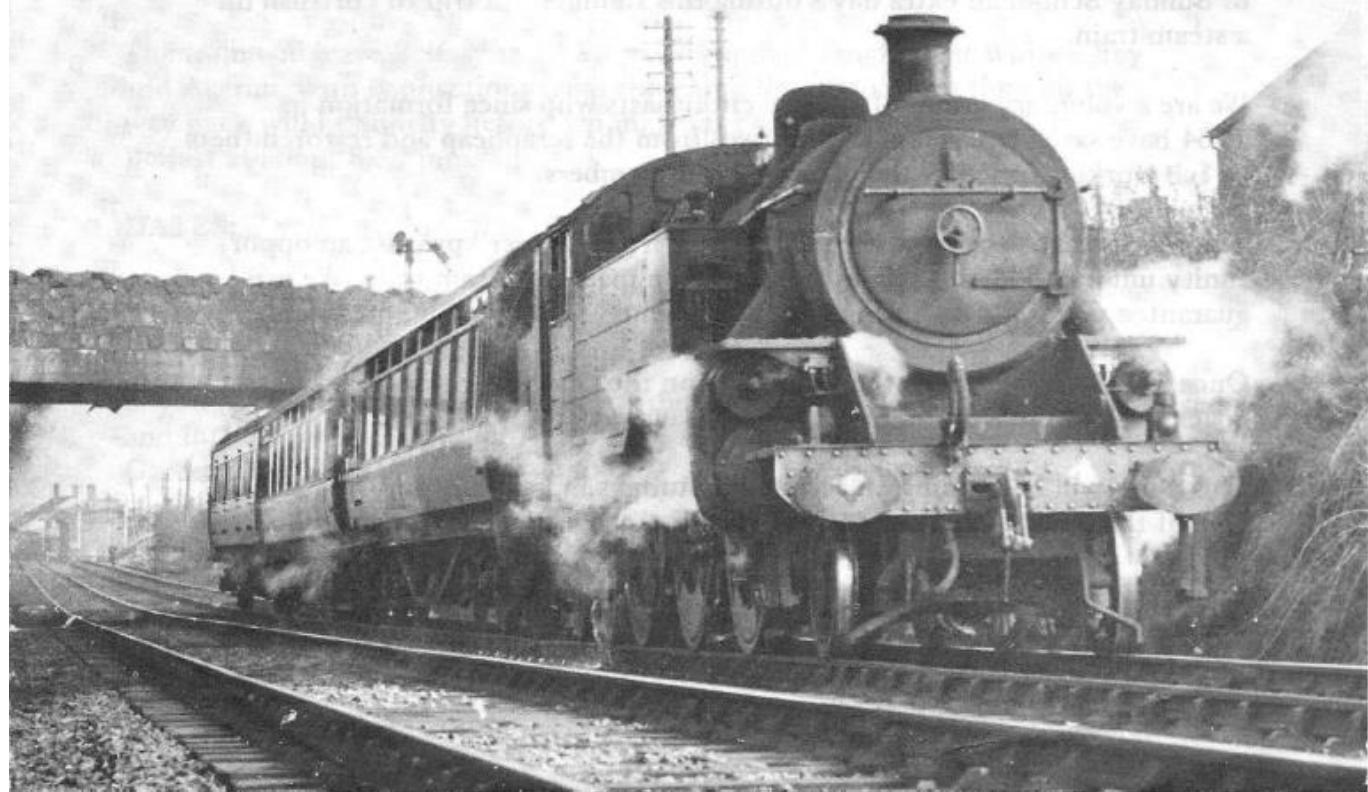


# PORTRUSH FLYER



RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF IRELAND

## VINTAGE STEAM TRAIN

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Many of today's children have never seen in real life a sight which was so familiar to their parents — a powerful live steam locomotive.

But here's an opportunity to remedy that — and to bring the memories flooding back to the mums and dads.

Thanks to the co-operation of Northern Ireland Railways, we, the Railway Preservation Society of Ireland, are able to offer *your* organisation, social club or Sunday School an extra day's outing this summer — a trip to Portrush on a steam train.

We are a voluntary group of railway enthusiasts who since formation in 1964 have saved five steam locomotives from the scrapheap and restored them to full working order by the efforts of our members.

The trains to Portrush, to be called "The Portrush Flyer" provide an opportunity unique today in Ireland to travel on a mainline steam train. We can guarantee your club an outing with a difference — a day with atmosphere.

Once in Portrush you can spend the day on the beach or go on an interesting coach tour to the world-famous Giant's Causeway.

The trains will be running on selected Saturdays in late July and August. One of the Society's power-packed 5ft. 3ins. gauge engines which is to be used on the trains is a 60-year-old veteran of the Great Northern Railway's Enterprise Express. Another engine is a sprightly tank engine built in 1947, seen on the cover.

For the Society, this is our most ambitious project so far. We will be welcoming organised parties aboard the Flyer, and for these there will be specially reduced rates, provided we can have your booking in plenty of time.

#### **FARES:**

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| Individuals:                     | ... | ... | £1.40 (under 14 - 90p) |
| Party of 10 - 40                 | ... | ... | £1.20 (under 14 - 85p) |
| Party of over 40                 | ... | ... | £1.00 (under 14 - 80p) |
| <b>Complete carriage seating</b> |     |     |                        |
| 60 plus                          | ... | ... | £60 for the day        |

The trains will be made up of comfortable well-furnished coaches with a well-stocked snack bar and souvenir shop.

The train will leave Belfast at 9.15 a.m., stopping to pick up at Whiteabbey and Antrim, with connections from the Larne line. Departure time on the way back will be shortly before 7 p.m. from Portrush, arriving back in Belfast at about 8.30 p.m.

#### **DATES:**

**Saturday, July 28th and August 4th, 18th and 25th.**

If you're interested and would like further details please fill in the form enclosed and include an SAE Contact A. S. Ragg, Portrush Flyer Organiser, 33 Ascot Gardens, Belfast 5.

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