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ISLE OF MAN RAILWAYS STAMP LAUNCH CELEBRATION

To celebrate the launch of a fine new set of stamps, featuring the Island's famous Steam, Electric and Mountain Railways, Isle of Man Railways are offering the opportunity for 50 lucky travellers to take part in a one-off historical journey, featuring vintage transport, breathtaking views and a number of unique photo opportunities.

The journey, on Saturday 3rd July 2010, starts in Ramsey at 11:10, where a limited number of specially marked first day cover stamps will be handed to the driver of the Manx Electric Railways most powerful car, No. 33, equipped with vintage post trailer, which was originally used to convey mail between Douglas and Ramsey until 1975.

After a pleasant ride along the Manx coast to Derby Castle, both passengers and stamps will depart at 12:25 and board a 1949 Leyland double decker bus, for a scenic trip along Douglas Promenade to the Sea Terminal. The double decker will also be accompanied by a 1967 Leyland Leopard bus.

At the Sea Terminal, passengers will be able to depart the bus and witness the stamps being passed onto a postman dressed in vintage uniform, who will then carry the stamps via vintage post bicycle onward to Douglas Steam Railway Station.

The final stage of the historical journey is on the Steam Railway, which will depart Douglas station at 13:50 and steam through the Island's ever changing landscape, before arriving at Port Erin. On arrival, passengers will then each be issued with their very own special cover of the stamps that will have been marked to commemorate this unique journey.

Tickets to this celebration are limited to just 50 and cost just £20 each, including your very own set of specially post marked, first day covers. To obtain yours, please visit the Welcome Centre.

For those who want to make more of the day, why not check out www.iombusandrail.info, call 01624 662525 or call into the Welcome Centre, to see how you can start or end the day by public transport too.