

We are pleased to reveal details for our **'Bala at 50'** event being held 30th April – 2nd May. It is the anniversary weekend that corresponds with, the same national holiday in 1972, that the first track was laid on the re-emerging railway.

Highlights will be:

On Saturday 30th April: The launch of our new book **'Rheilffordd Llyn Tegid – Y 50 Mlynedd Cyntaf / Bala Lake Railway – The First 50 Years 1972 – 2022.**

The first train on the Saturday to launch the weekend will replicate an early tracklaying train, hauled by one our longest service diesels. Extra trains will be added to our Blue Service on Saturday and Monday, with 7 departures in total. On Sunday our Pink service will be in operation with 9 departures during the day, with some double-headed.



We are honoured to welcome a visiting locomotive that harks back to a type that used to be based on the line. **'Jennie'**, from the Amerton Railway was built by Hunslet at their works at Statfold near Tamworth, completed in 2008, and is an almost exact copy of the original design. The last one of which was built in 1941, again by Hunslet who had taken over the goodwill of Kerr Stuart in 1930.

This commemorates the operation of **'Dryw Bach'** – works no 3114 a Kerr Stuart Wren Class based at the railway in its earlier years, although it never carried the name plates. It previously worked around Fallgate on the Ashover Light Railway in Derbyshire and is now based on the Vale of Rheidol railway but currently out of service.



We will also have a 16mm model railway layout operating in the Heritage Centre over the weekend with an additional G Scale model on the Saturday and Monday.

Not just that, there will be two traction engines and a Sentinel steam lorry in attendance adding to the celebratory atmosphere.

Why stop there? There will be the return of GWR steam to Llanuwchllyn, in the form of a 7 1/4" gauge railway on platform 2.



There will also be various stands and stalls from Societies associated with the railway.

To supply sustenance to our visitors, as well as our café, we will have a BBQ on site and you can help quench your thirst with a bottle of 'Aur Bala / Bala Gold' beer which will be on sale brewed courtesy of our friends at Hafod Brewery.



Why not purchase your own branded beer commemorative glass to remember the event by?