



The Railway Forum

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2004 is an important year in the story of Britain's railways. It marks the 200th anniversary of the first steam locomotive to run on rails – Richard Trevithick's locomotive at the Pen Y Darren colliery – as well as the centenary of the first 100mph run by the City of Truro.

Today sees the launch of a new website that will provide comprehensive information on events being held to mark this important date. www.rail200.com contains up-to-the-minute information on events being held nationwide and will form a key point of contact for those with an interest in the 2004 bicentennial celebrations.

'We are proud to have been asked to set up the Rail 200 website by the industry', says Adrian Lyons, Director General of The Railway Forum. 'We hope this will stimulate further interest in this unique year for the railways that will not only showcase our past but also show what railways can do both today and in the future.'

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Notes to Editors

1. The Railway Forum is an industry-wide body sponsored by the majority of the train operating companies including Eurostar, Network Rail, all three major rolling stock leasing companies, the Passenger Transport Executives, London Underground, most of the infrastructure maintenance companies and many manufacturing and other businesses serving the UK rail industry. In all we have over 60 members. Our key role is to act as a think tank, information exchange and point of contact for those committed to and interested in our industry.
2. If you wish to publicise your event on the site, please [email](#) Leigh Thompson (or telephone 020 7259 6522) with details.
3. For information on the National Railway Museum (NRM) Bicentennial Rail Celebrations visit www.nrm.org.uk or telephone Jon Pridmore on 01904 656204.

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