

*Corporate and Private
Events
at The Bluebell Railway*



**BLUEBELL
RAILWAY**

Whether you need something a little different for a Corporate event, or simply a private function for that very special occasion, we hope we can offer you the solution . . .

At The Bluebell Railway we suggest something a little different to give you a totally unique day that your guests will remember for a long time to come.

From your initial approach to us, you will have the services of a dedicated Function Adviser who will take care of all the details and arrangements to make sure that everything runs smoothly for you to give you a very memorable day.

A little History

The Bluebell Railway was one of the first preserved heritage lines in the country, commencing train services in August 1960. As a result, we have one of the finest collections of vintage steam locomotives and carriages, many of which were preserved straight out of service from British Railways.

Today we are able to recreate trains from the 1880s through to the 1960s.

Welcome drinks receptions can be held at either Sheffield Park or Horsted Keynes stations, both built in traditional "Queen Anne" style in 1882.

They have frequently been seen on television and in films, including Downton Abbey, The Muppet Movie and The Woman in Black.



Naturally, we would be delighted to show you around so that you will have a clearer idea of the facilities that we can offer.

If you wish to visit the Railway please contact us to arrange an appointment on 01825 720800.

Drinks Receptions

Before you board your train, why not welcome your guests with an enjoyable glass of Champagne with Canapés served by uniformed staff out on the platform or in one of our function rooms before the train departs?



A Jazz Band makes a lively accompaniment playing on the platform at all the stops you may make during your trip .

All Aboard ...

Step aboard the fabulous Golden Arrow Pullman Dining Train for a truly memorable experience.

You and your guests will travel in 1920s' luxury whilst enjoying fine food and wines silver-served to you by experienced and attentive staff as you journey through the delightful Sussex countryside that surrounds our line.

The Golden Arrow can accommodate 64 guests in its two Pullman cars, and is steam-hauled by one of our historic locomotives.

An additional 1st Class coach can be added to increase the capacity to 106.

The train recreates the fabulous Golden Arrow service which once linked London and Paris with the style and panache which made it one of the most glamorous and famous trains in the world.

We are also able to offer The Wealden Rambler, a set of four 1950s Lounge Car carriages, with a maximum seating capacity of 125 guests, on which you can be served either a delicious Luncheon or an elegantly traditional Afternoon Tea.



The Golden Arrow Pullman Dining Train

Pullman Car Christine

42 seats

Built in 1928, Christine was originally built for use on the London-Harwich boat trains as a restaurant car. In the 1960s the carriage was refurbished, which included major structural repairs, and is now fully restored to as near as possible its 1920s' condition.



Pullman Car Fingall

22 seats

Fingall was built in 1924 for the White Pullman, and re-appeared in the Golden Arrow after its war-time suspension. The Bluebell Railway purchased the near-derelect car in 1979 and it was fully restored thanks to thousands of hours of hard work by Bluebell volunteers. Seating is mainly at tables for two, and therefore the ideal place for the smaller function.

Introducing The Great Northern Directors' Saloon

This stunning coach can now be chartered for your more intimate private function.

Smaller parties can enjoy the spectacular surroundings of The Great Northern Directors Saloon.

Built in 1897 and now owned by the Howlden Trust, this stunning saloon is best known for its starring role as the Old Gentleman's Coach in the 2000 film of The Railway Children.



This beautiful carriage can entertain up to 18 guests with a stylish buffet or an Afternoon Tea.



Food & Drink

Sample Menu

Salmon & Scallop Brochette
Herb-oil marinated pieces on
flash-fried Vegetables

Slow-braised Leg of Lamb Tranche with
Maple Syrup glazed Root Vegetables
& a Rosemary Jus

Pear & Blackberry Crumble served with
a Vanilla Custard

Trio of Lemon Desserts

Freshly-brewed Bluebell Blend Coffee
with a Golden Arrow Chocolate



Sample Menu

Chef's Medley of Canapés

Grilled Goats Cheese Croutiere with
an Apricot & Ginger Chutney

Demi-Tasse of Gazpacho

Medallions of Beef Fillet with
Thyme-roasted Chateau Potatoes
and a Mushroom & Madeira Sauce

Raspberry Pavlova with Chantilly Cream

Freshly-brewed Bluebell Blend Coffee
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*All our food is specially prepared in our own kitchens by
our experienced team of resident Chefs.*

*All dietary requirements can be catered for, and we are
delighted to discuss all menu suggestions with you.*



A selection of Fine Wines is available from our comprehensive Wine List to complement your food and your Reception.



Why not stop the train during your journey and disembark onto the platform again so the Host can make speeches or a Toast to the guests?

Celebration cakes of all descriptions can be arranged for you.

Cheese . . .

Fruit . . .

or Chocolate!



Introducing The Wealden Rambler

Ashdown Carriage

42 seats

The Ashdown carriage, built in 1955 for the Southern Region of British Railways, was reserved for boat train duties, principally on the Ocean Liner Express to convey 1st Class passengers from Waterloo to Southampton Docks to catch the trans-Atlantic liners.



Restaurant Car

19 seats

Restaurant Car 1674 was built in 1961 in Glasgow as a Buffet restaurant car for the Eastern Region of British Railways. It has now been refitted copying the layout of the famous Bulleid Tavern cars with a pub-style bar 'At the Sign of the White Horse'.



Chelwood Carriage

48 seats

The Chelwood Carriage was built in 1959 for the London Midland Region of British Railways, and used mainly on the Anglo-Scottish Services, where it provided a much improved quality of unclassified restaurant-car accommodation when coupled to a catering vehicle.



Balcombe

16 seats

Balcombe carriage was built in 1955 at Wolverton works to celebrate the Festival of Britain for the Southern Region of British Railways.

It has now been carefully restored to provide four individual compartments, each seating four people in comfort.

An ideal hideaway for some private moments.



This train generally serves hot and cold Luncheon menus, but not everyone wants to be so traditional.

The Wealden Rambler is famous for its scrumptious Afternoon Tea served as it should be on attractive cake-stands.

Dainty sandwiches and a selection of cakes and pastries followed of course by warm scones with jam and clotted cream make a mouth-watering alternative for your guests to enjoy.



Full bar facilities can be made available on board this train, because . . .



there is always room for another

glass of Champagne!

The Birch Grove Suite

In addition to celebrations held on board a train, we also offer the more traditional facilities of our function room which is situated above the Bessemer Arms Restaurant on Platform 1 at Sheffield Park Station.

You and your guests can enjoy a traditional luncheon, dinner or full silver-service banquet in the comfort of this fully air-conditioned room, which is accessed by stairs from the platform.

A stair-lift is available if required.



Alternatively you can choose a sumptuous buffet especially prepared for you on the premises by our own Chef.

The maximum number of guests is 64 to be seated for a traditional Banquet and 90 for a Buffet Reception.

Decorated with railway-themed murals, this room also makes an ideal place for an Evening Reception or Party, with full Bar facilities and space for a disco or a live band and dancing.



The Birch Grove Suite is also available for hire as a venue for meetings and conferences, being equipped with a projector screen.

A projector is also available for hire if necessary.

This venue will hold 84 people in theatre-style or 48 in classroom-style layout.



A popular combination is for a morning meeting followed by a buffet-style lunch, rounding off a successful day's work with a round trip on one of our scheduled train services.

Morning Coffee and Afternoon Tea is offered during your meetings, with the chance of lunch if required. To break up the day, try a gentle stroll along the platform watching the steam trains pass by or a wander down to the River Ouse before returning for another session of work.

Whatever you choose to do, you will be looked after by a team of experienced staff who will be keen to ensure you have everything you need to make your day run smoothly.

Finishing Touches

To add that extra special something to your event, we would be delighted to arrange those little finishing touches that will round everything off for you.

We are very happy for you to arrange all your own accessories, but if you prefer, we can remove all the stress by handling everything for you.

Stunning bouquets for floral presentations, seat covers and sashes, vintage cars and coaches, bands and discos, spectacular celebration cakes, a photographer highly experienced in Railway events, and Railway-themed gifts for your guests can all be provided.

How about a personal headboard for the front of your train?

Traditional train tickets printed with all your own details?

Personally designed invitations for your event?

We can even arrange a firework display!



And Finally

All our corporate events and private charters are completely bespoke.

*Tell us what you would like for your special day and we will do our best
to fulfil all your expectations.*

Almost anything is possible.

We can offer you a totally unique experience that you and your guests will remember for years to come.

*For details of menus and current prices please contact us
and perhaps arrange an appointment to look around.*



A
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Experience

*Let us arrange your celebration for
a truly nostalgic and memorable day*



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