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Mr George Greener, Chairman,
British Waterways
has great pleasure in inviting you to
The Official Opening
of
The Millennium Link
at
The Falkirk Wheel
by
Her Majesty The Queen
on
Friday 24th May 2002

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*introduced to
The Duke of
Edinburgh.*

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THE MILLENNIUM LINK

Unlocking Scotland's Potential





Throughout the UK, British Waterways manages and cares for a 2,000 mile (3218 km), 200-year old network of canals and rivers on behalf of the nation to which it belongs.

Responsibility for inland waterways in Scotland includes the 137-mile (220km) canal network which includes the Caledonian, Crinan, Forth & Clyde, Union and Monkland canals.

British Waterways Scotland works in partnerships with local authorities, voluntary groups, private companies and other government agencies to protect and enhance the waterways and benefit the communities through which they run.

The organisation balances the conservation of the country's heritage and environment with developing commercial opportunities to generate income to reinvest in the waterways for further sustainable regeneration. Scotland's canals are currently undergoing a period of intense regeneration activity.

THE FALKIRK WHEEL'S BIG DAY
BIG IN FALKIRK
26TH MAY 2002
From 11.00am

Big In Falkirk 2002 is an 11-day colourful Street Arts extravaganza. For the first time it extends to The Falkirk Wheel, the world's first and only rotating boatlift and gateway to the Forth & Clyde and Union canals. Why not join the fun, the entertainment and continue the celebrations with us on Sunday 26th May 2002.

Hair AND Sand Sculpting!
Parachute jumping with RAF FALCONS!
Spurting Men and Jethro the Pirate.
The Falkirk Wheel Yacht Club meet Intergalactic Hedonists!
Stardust Vintage Biplanes & Microlights Flypast!
Gorillas and a New Orleans style band.

And it all culminates in what is sure to be veritable feast of activity across the air, on land and of course, on water. We look forward to welcoming you to join the fun, merriment and festivities. The great news is there is no charge to attend this event.

The Falkirk Wheel
Lime Road, Tamfourhill, Falkirk FK1 4RS
T: 01324-619888 F: 01324-671224
Trip Booking Line: 08700 500 208
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At The Falkirk Wheel

- Refreshments will be served at the Marquee from midday until 2.15pm.
- Ladies and Gents toilet facilities are provided at the side of the Marquee and are also available at the seating arena.
- In case of wet weather waterproof ponchos will be available at the Marquee.

Taking Your Seat

- Your invitation will refer you to a block of seating around New Port Downie. British Waterways invites you to proceed to your designated area at your leisure but we would respectfully request that you are seated by 2.15pm.
- Your seating number refers to your block allocation and not to your seat. Unless otherwise 'reserved' you are welcome to take any seat within your allocated block.

Assistance To The Seating Arena

- A dedicated bus will be available at The Falkirk Wheel to assist guests with mobility problems or other special needs to the seating arena.

Following The Event

- The programme of events will conclude at around 4.30pm at which time you will be asked to vacate the seating arena by block.
- Park & Ride buses will be available from 4.30pm until 6.00pm on the drive to the Visitor Centre. Buses will be located on the drive way at the Visitor Centre. Each bus will drop off at Park & Ride car parks A, B and C.
- A dedicated bus will be provided for car park D only.

Park & Ride Car Parks

- Parking Marshals will be in attendance at all car parks until 6.30pm.

The Falkirk Wheel Visitor Centre

- British Waterways would like to take this opportunity to remind all of our guests that The Falkirk Wheel Visitor Centre is not open for viewing today.

Programme

From 12.00pm

**A Warm Welcome & Please Enjoy Our Hospitality At
The Falkirk Wheel Marquee**

2.15pm

All Guests Seated

2.30pm

Music & Dance Celebration

Local school children dance The Falkirk Millennium Wheel, created by Mr Campbell Hunter to the sound of The Falkirk Millennium Reel, by Jeremy Atkinson.

Band of HM Royal Marines Scotland

Under the direction of WO1 Bandmaster MD Graham LRSM RM playing a selection of light classics & popular music.

3.15pm

Her Majesty The Queen & His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh Arrive at The Falkirk Wheel

Welcomed by the Protocol Party & British Waterways

RAF Leuchars Pipes & Drums

Under the direction of Pipe Major Ian Hughes & Drum Major Peter McEwan, appearing by kind permission of Officer Commanding RAF Leuchars & Air Commodore MJ Routledge ADC BSc MRAeS RAF, playing light traditional Scottish music.

3.20pm

Her Majesty The Queen & His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh Arrive at The Falkirk Wheel Finger Jetty

Sailing from the first lock on the Union Canal into New Port Downie

3.35pm

Address to Her Majesty The Queen, His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh & all our guests

Dr George Greener, Chairman, British Waterways

**The Official Opening Ceremony Of The Millennium Link
& The Inauguration of The Falkirk Wheel
Performed by Her Majesty The Queen**

Band of HM Royal Marines Scotland. Fanfare

Flotilla Of Boats Descend Through The Falkirk Wheel

3.45pm

Her Majesty The Queen & His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh Re-embark
Sailing towards The Falkirk Wheel Visitor Centre

3.50pm

**Her Majesty The Queen & His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh
Arrive At The Falkirk Wheel Visitor Centre**

Inside the visitor centre Her Majesty The Queen & His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh have the opportunity to meet many of the people directly involved in The Millennium Link project.

4.10pm

Presentation of Flowers to Her Majesty The Queen
Claire Louise Herbert

**Presentation of Aberdeen Granite Stonemason's Hammer to
His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh**
Robert Burns, Trainee Stonemason

4.15pm

Her Majesty The Queen & His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh Depart

4.30pm

Guests invited to depart by seating blocks.

British Waterways and all Millennium Link Partners are delighted that you have joined us in our celebrations. We trust that you enjoyed your day and we look forward to welcoming you back.

Have a safe and pleasant onward journey.

Introduced to the Duke of Edinburgh & had a chat JFM



DIRECTIONS AND INFORMATION FOR GUESTS

PLEASE ENSURE YOU BRING YOUR INVITATION WITH YOU

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Please allow plenty of time for your journey.

If you have any questions about the information provided,
please contact reception at:



The Falkirk Wheel

Lime Road

Tamfourhill

Falkirk

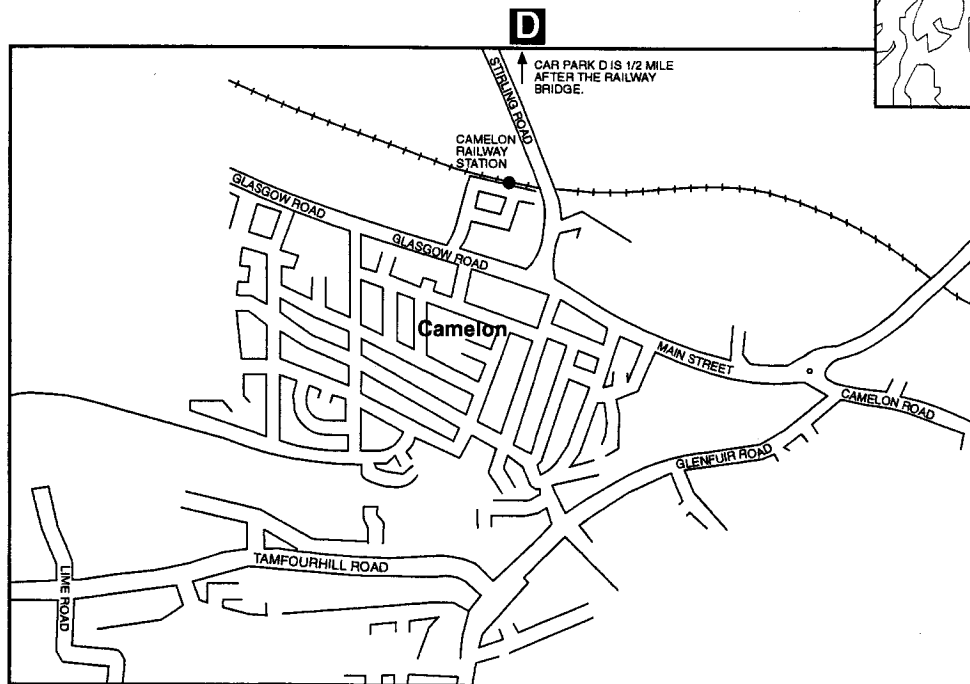
FK1 4JS

Telephone: 01324 619888

www.thefalkirkwheel.co.uk

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Your Park and Ride Car Park location



Your courtesy Park and Ride bus is scheduled to depart from

Car Park D at 1.30pm

If travelling to Falkirk by car please park at Car Park D to avoid delays and inconvenience.

DIRECTIONS

From the East

Take the M9 from Edinburgh and follow brown and white signs for The Falkirk Wheel until you drive through Camelon on the Glasgow Road. Turn left onto Stirling Road at the Glasgow Road roundabout in Camelon. Drive under the railway bridge and continue along Stirling Road for approx 1/2 mile. Car Park D is on your left.

From the West

From the M80/A80 follow brown and white signs for The Falkirk Wheel until you drive through Camelon on the Glasgow Road. Turn left onto Stirling Road at the Glasgow Road roundabout in Camelon. Drive under the railway bridge and continue along Stirling Road for approx 1/2 mile. Car Park D is on your left.

From the North

Travel to Stirling following the A9 for Glasgow and follow brown and white signs for The Falkirk Wheel until you drive through Camelon on the Glasgow Road. Turn left onto Stirling Road at the Glasgow Road roundabout in Camelon. Drive under the railway bridge and continue along Stirling Road for approx 1/2 mile. Car Park D is on your left.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please have your invitation available at all times for security check purposes.
- Your Invitation is not transferable - it is valid for the person to which it was issued only.
- There is no parking provision on site.
- The only pedestrian access to the site is via Lime Road.
- Pedestrians should arrive at the site no later than 15 minutes after time shown above.
- Please dress for the weather as the event will take place outside.
- Buses will return guests to their Park and Ride car park after the event.

Nearest Railway Stations: Camelon & Falkirk High
National Rail Enquiries: 08457 48 49 50
Local Bus Route - the No.3 bus stops close to the site.

If you are registered disabled or require assistance please telephone 01324 619888 prior to the event.

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THE ROYAL OPENING OF THE MILLENNIUM LINK—24 MAY 2002

VISITOR CENTRE GUEST —ADMITTS ONE PERSON

You have been allocated a place *within* the Visitor Centre
- (not external Arena seating) - for this Event.



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*Please ensure that you bring this Pass to
The Visitor Centre with your Invitation to ensure
admission. Thank You*

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ENTRANCE VOUCHER TO VISITOR CENTRE—ADMITTS ONE PERSON

Following the Royal Opening, you are cordially invited to join British Waterways' Guests in the Visitor Centre for Light Refreshments and an Opportunity to view the Centre's exhibits and facilities



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*Please ensure that you bring this Voucher to
The Visitor Centre Reception.
Thank You*