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## Upl and Festival s & Events 2009

(all dates are accurate at time of writing (Feb 2009) but may be subject to local changes)

### APRIL

WHERE?	WHEN?	WHAT'S GOING ON?
The Rhinogs, North Wales	12	Welsh Highland Heritage Railway (Porthmadog) – Children's Easter Egg Hunt (indoors) in Engine shed with Rufus the Rabbit!
The Rhinogs, North Wales	12 & 13	Fairbourne Steam Railway – Children's Day with railway staff in traditional Victorian clothes, with sweets and games.

### MAY

WHERE?	WHEN?	WHAT'S GOING ON?
The Rhinogs, North Wales	02 - 04	Welsh Highland Heritage Railway (Porthmadog) – recreating the railway of the 1920s with an original steam locomotive. Also model railways on display.
The Majella, Italy	07	Feast of the Snake-Charmers (Cocullo). Although an hour away, this famous event is well worth visiting and dates from 12 <sup>th</sup> C.
The Julian Alps, Slovenia	22 - 24	Drežnica Sculpture Festival - the village hosts sculptors from all over Slovenia, where they create and display their art.
The Rhinogs, North Wales	24 & 25	Fairbourne Steam Railway – Children's Events with steam engines, miniature models and traction engines.
The Rhinogs, North Wales	30 & 31	Welsh Highland Heritage Railway (Porthmadog) – Children's Teddy Bears Picnic including an (indoor) teddy-bear hunt. Children ride on the train for FREE if they bring a teddy bear!

### JUNE

WHERE?	WHEN?	WHAT'S GOING ON?
The Couserans, French Pyrenees	07	Spring Transhumance – follow horses, cows or sheep as they are driven into the mountains. There is also traditional dancing in costume, music, craft fairs and food.
The Couserans, French Pyrenees	13	Festival of St John (St Giron) – celebrating the summer solstice with music, dancing, food & drink and a bonfire.
The Mercantour, France	14	Veynas Flower Festival – flower stalls and flower exchanges
The Mercantour, France	20	Bonfire of St John the Baptist (Guillaumes) – religious procession ending in a bonfire on the riverbank.
The Majella, Italy	20 - 30	Caramanico Summer Festival – music and dancing at weekends
The Mercantour, France	21	Festival of St John the Baptist (Guillaumes) – processions, mass, lunch, music and dancing.
The Julian Alps, Slovenia	25 – 28	Tolmin Jazz Festival – attracting performers from Paris to Kiev
The Rhinogs, North Wales	22 - 29	Criccieth Festival – music, talks, concerts, fireworks and more. ( <a href="http://www.cricciethfestival.co.uk/programme">www.cricciethfestival.co.uk/programme</a> )

## JULY

WHERE?	WHEN?	WHAT'S GOING ON?
The Couserans, French Pyrenees	11	Bethmale Festival – dancing, traditional costumes, food & crafts including the region's famous clogs
The Mercantour, France	13	Pop music and dancing in Guillaumes village square.
The Mercantour, France	16	Guillaumes Produce Festival – Local and French produce to taste and buy, with food demonstrations.
The Rhinogs, North Wales	18 & 19	Welsh Highland Heritage Railway (Porthmadog) – Children's "Red Dragons" event (indoors) in Engine Sheds.
The Mercantour, France	25	Guillaumes Lavender Festival – join local people to collect wild lavender, and enjoy a picnic in the mountains.
The Carinthian Alps, Austria	25 & 26	St Jakob village festival celebrations with food, drink & music
The Rhinogs, North Wales	27 & 28	Fairbourne Steam Railway – Children's Day with railway staff in traditional Victorian clothes, with sweets and games.
The Julian Alps, Slovenia	27 - 01	Sajeta Creative Camp by the Soca River at Sotocje – an avant-garde music & arts festival with film, drama and concerts.
The Majella, Italy	01 - 31	Caramanico Summer Festival – music and dancing at weekends, and other events such as craft-fairs and local food tastings.

## august

WHERE?	WHEN?	WHAT'S GOING ON?
The Rhinogs, North Wales	throughout	Welsh Highland Heritage Railway - Steam trains running daily between Barmouth, Harlech & Porthmadog
The Couserans, French Pyrenees	throughout	Summer village fairs with stalls to sell their produce, music and dancing in the evening, local craftsmen and plenty of food.
The Majella, Italy	throughout	Caramanico Summer Festival – music and dancing at weekends, and other events such as craft-fairs and local food tastings, including Harvest Festival celebrations, and a Jazz Festival.
The Carinthian Alps, Austria	01 – 02	Hay-making celebrations in the meadows of der Mussen
The Couserans, French Pyrenees	13	Music Festival (St Girons and surrounding villages) – range of different music and plenty of dancing.
The Mercantour, France	13 – 16	Guillaumes Summer Festival – processions, food, music, dancing
The Carinthian Alps, Austria	15	Maria Luggau village festival with music and food
The Carinthian Alps, Austria	15 – 16	Honey Festival (Hermagor) – lots of honey-related delicacies to taste and demonstrations on how it is made.

## SEPTEMBER

WHERE?	WHEN?	WHAT'S GOING ON?
The Rhinogs, North Wales	01 – 07	Barmouth Arts Festival – music, drama, crafts, workshops & food
The Carinthian Alps, Austria	05/06	Liesing Bread Festival – see bread baked and taste various local specialities, with some good music too.
The Mercantour, France	16	Guillaumes Autumn Country Fair: a celebration of sheep, with wool products, food and folk music.
The Majella, Italy	01 - 27	Caramanico Summer Festival – music and dancing at weekends, and other events such as craft-fairs and local food tastings.
The Carinthian Alps, Austria	20	Maria Luggau village festival with music and food
The Carinthian Alps, Austria	26 - 27	Cheese festival at Kotschach-Mauthen with music, food & drink and lots of cheese tasting!

## october

WHERE?	WHEN?	WHAT'S GOING ON?
The Couserans, French Pyrenees	03	Transhumance Festival (Sentein), with food, drink, lots of livestock (sheep, cows, horses, pigs), and local crafts.
The Rhinogs, North Wales	31	Welsh Highland Heritage Railway (Porthmadog) – Children's Halloween Event with spooky goings on and a train ride.