

# Paddington passengers peruse Welsh food and drink

First Minister Carwyn Jones will call in to visit the eight Welsh food and drink companies who are showcasing their products at the station and offering passengers the opportunity to sample and buy a range of high quality Welsh produce.

Passengers will be able to savour the delights of products from across Wales, including award winning cheeses, preserves, cakes, ice cream and cured meats washed down with cider, ales and soft drinks.

It builds on previous events held at the station and is further recognition of the quality reputation of the Welsh food and drink sector in the UK.

Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs Lesley Griffiths said:

“Welsh food and drink has gained a growing and well-deserved reputation for uniqueness and high quality. We have ambitious targets to grow the industry by 30% to £7bn by 2020 and are very near to meeting this early.

“Today’s event is yet another opportunity for Welsh food and drink companies to showcase their products outside Wales and is further recognition of the regard the sector is held in.

“It is particularly timely as we prepare to leave the EU. The food and drinks industry is a key ‘foundation’ sector for us post-Brexit. We are determined to do all we can secure a resilient and thriving industry in Wales after leaving the EU.

“I hope passengers at Paddington enjoy savoring the Welsh delights on offer at the station and take the opportunity to snap up the high quality products on sale.”