



ESK VALLEY RAILWAY PASSENGERS' NEWSLETTER

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Real Music, Real Ale, Real Fun!

Four more weeks to go...

Sit back and enjoy a social evening of music and fun while the Esk Valley rolls by. There's no extra charge – just an ordinary fare (£7.00 return or £4.60 with an Esk Valley Railcard). Here's the line up for next month.



AUGUST

- 4th: **Roger Sutcliffe**: Blues Guitarist
- 11th: **Rebekah Findlay**: Folk Singer
- 18th: **Steve Chapman Smith**: Country, Americana, Acoustic, Folk, Blues
- 25th: **Serenity**: Local duo playing covers from the 60s onwards

The music train leaves Whitby at 19:18 and returns from Middlesbrough at 20:49, getting back into Whitby at 22:20. An additional service will then return to Middlesbrough, leaving Whitby at 22.25 and arriving at Middlesbrough 23.51 (no music on this one).

The bar is run by Andrew Waller of the **Station Inn**, and is serving 'bright' Real Ale from the **Whitby Brewery**, good quality wines, soft drinks, hot rinks and snacks.



We are very grateful to Andrew who, together with Northern Railway and North Yorkshire Moors Railway, are funding a splendid selection of musicians for your entertainment this summer.

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It's Showtime!



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Esk Valley Railway will be at three shows this year.

- **Danby Show** Wednesday 16th August,
- **Egton Show** Wednesday 23rd August and
- **Castleton Show** Saturday 9th September

You will find us in a brand new Gazebo which Northern Railway have kindly provided. We will be there to answer your questions and queries about the Esk Valley train service with Board Members, staff and Station Adopters taking part too. We will have plenty of timetables with us and some fun giveaways so please look us up and come and have a chat.

[More about Egton Show >>](#)

Pigeon Netting

We are delighted to tell you that the pigeon netting is going up at **Whitby Station**, with a deep cleaning of the upper buildings being carried out at the same time. Next the Station will have a deep clean and will be given some well-deserved TLC!

[More about Whitby Station >>](#)

Glaisdale Station Toilets

Plans to re-open the toilets at Glaisdale Station are progressing well. We've now gained access to the toilets to establish exactly what work is needed to reinstate and re-open the toilets. Initial inspection revealed they were not in too bad a condition so it is hoped that by the next newsletter we may have some positive news.

As the Parish Council didn't want to take on the responsibility we were very fortunate in gaining the help of two new Station Adopters in Roger and Jean Norris who have agreed to keep the toilet stocked and inform Northern of any issues. Northern are kindly supplying all consumables and will have the toilets cleaned too.

[More about Glaisdale Station >>](#)

2018 Calendar Photo Competition

We plan to produce a calendar for 2018 and would like to invite you to enter your photographs into a competition to find the best 12 photos taken along the line. These should be sent to the EVRDC email: trythetrain@esksvalleyrailway.co.uk

Please send your entries no later than Friday 6th October 2017. All photographs will be acknowledged.

Moors Bus

The Moors Bus runs until the end of September.

Moors Bus connections at Danby Station from Guisborough and Pickering.



The new **MoorsPlus** service now connects York, Pickering and Blakey with Danby Station and the Moors Centre. It runs on Saturdays and Mondays (including Bank Holidays) until 30th September.

[View timetable on the moorsbus.org website >>](#)

One option for a day out is to take the 10:28 train from Middlesbrough, pick up the MoorsPlus service at Danby, go up to the Moors Centre for an hour and a half, then to Pickering over the

Moors on the bus, back to Danby Moors Centre and catch the 16:40 back to Middlesbrough.



Also running on Sundays are the **M3** that connects Guisborough with Danby (for the Moors Centre and trains) and Pickering AND the **M6** that runs from Malton Station via Pickering, Cropton, Rosedale (See what is happening on “[This Exploited Land of Iron](#)” project), Castleton, Danby Station, Danby Moors Centre and back.

[Find out more on the Moorsbus website>>](#)

Along the Line – News & Events



Whitby

- Monday 21st August: **Whitby Regatta** – late train back to Middlesbrough (Depart Whitby 22:20)
- Monday 28th August: **Bank Holiday** – late train back to Middlesbrough (Depart Whitby 22:20)

[Whitby Pavilion](#): Use the train to see films at Whitby Pavillion. Timings of trains work for matinees and some Friday evening showings. [View film listings here](#).

Sleights

- Tuesday 15th August: **Sleights Show**

We would like to extend a special thank you to Sleights Station volunteers who looked after the flowers and planters over many years. We were saddened to hear of the recent death of Judith Powditch, one of the volunteers, and we send our condolences to her family and friends.

Grosmont

Take the train and alight here for the **North York Moors Railway**.

Egton

- Tuesday 1st August: **Egton Goosberry Show**
- Wednesday 23rd August: **Egton Show** – bus shuttle from Egton Station up to the Show ground

Glaisdale

Local artist/s wanted to devise murals to enhance the toilets that we are bringing back into use. Ideas around the [Land of Iron Project](#) wanted. Contact Piers at trythetrain@esksvalleyrailway.co.uk

Lealholm

- Saturday 2nd September: **Lealholm Show**

Danby

- Wednesday 16th August: **Danby Show** – Showground less than fifteen minute walk from Danby Station.

Castleton

- Saturday 10th September: **Castleton Show** – We will be there for the first time this year. Five minute walk from Castleton Moor Station to the showground.

Comondale

Stop off here to admire the new **Comondale Station Mural** by Debbie Mahaffy ([see below](#)), unveiled by Alan Williams, Chairman of the Esk Valley Railway as part of an Art Week organised by [Beyond Boundaries](#)

Kildale

- Saturday 2nd September: **Kildale Show**

Great Ayton



Following two recent successful funding applications, the station now has a new orientation board, sign post and two new picnic benches. Next stop is better cycle storage with a new shelter planned.

Nunthorpe

Looking great for Northumbria in Bloom – lots of hard work (and knitting!) from the Adopter Team.

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Station Adopters

Huge thanks all our Station Adopters for their hard work in keeping the stations looking so smart this summer.

We are still looking for more people to either adopt a station or join a team already working on improving the station. If you are near a station and would like to get involved, please contact Lisa Williams at lisa.williams@eskvalleyrailway.co.uk or call her on 07584 419114. There is nothing particularly heavy or arduous we just ask you to do what you can do.



[Contact Lisa >>](#)

Station Adopters' Corner

Anthony Laffan, a station adopter in **Comondale** writes

"Sometimes the timing is spot on or the right mix of people come together and something special is created. That is exactly what happened when The Esk Valley Community Rail Partnership

contacted **Beyond Boundaries** at Commondale about station adoption.

Beyond Boundaries is a new inclusive initiative set up to help adults and children with learning disabilities and others abled and disabled to access an inclusive education and activities. Set in 95 acres of breathtaking North York Moors the new initiative was already thriving with exciting projects up and running such as inclusive archaeology when the chance to adopt the station at Commondale came up. After some very forward thinking meetings the ball was set in motion that saw the station at Commondale transformed within a few months.



With regular commitment from local villagers looking after the flower beds and wild flowers along the platform the waiting room was what Beyond Boundaries targeted for refurbishment. Working parties set about cleaning and repairing the waiting room and then painting the floor, walls and bench. artist Debbie Mahaffey produced the hidden gem of art work that has been installed inside the waiting room at Commondale.



If you have not yet alighted at Commondale or boarded a train there you are missing out on what is fast becoming the talk of The Esk Valley line. Supported by Northern Railway, a stunning mural of Fowl Green Farm, Commondale, now hangs in the waiting room along with a welcoming fire (painted version). Added to the painting is a tribute to the inclusive rights advocate and inspiration behind Beyond Boundaries, Lucy Muir. Lucy was enthusiastically engaged in the project at its outset but tragically she passed away while the restoration work was taking place. Like many others, Artist Debbie Mahaffey was shaken by Lucy's sudden death and worked against a deadline to adapt the painting to include a tribute to a proud Yorkshire lady who was born and lived at Commondale - Lucy Muir RIP."

[More about Beyond Boundaries >>](#)

What's on along the line?

If you are planning an event anywhere along the Esk Valley line tell us about it and we will publicise it. We will be running bi-monthly newsletters to be published at the beginning of Oct, Dec, Feb. Deadline for copy, by 20th of each month prior.

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