



ESK VALLEY RAILWAY PASSENGERS' NEWSLETTER

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Music Train Season and extra late evening services

We will be starting early again from **June 19 to 14 August** to take advantage of the Esk Valley's superb scenery. A late evening service will also run on 17 August for Regatta (Monday) but there will be no live music.



These extra services are not included in the printed timetable but you can find the times of the extra service in the [Journey Planner on Northern's website](#) or on the [station pages on the Esk Valley website](#).

Between Middlesbrough and Whitby, the times are:

- **Departure from Whitby: 19.19 with refreshments and live music on board**
- **Departure from Middlesbrough: 20.49 Live music and refreshments on board**
- **Last service departing Whitby 22.25**



Live music, real ale, wine and soft drinks will be provided on the earlier 19.19 (7.19 pm) from Whitby and also on the returning 20.49 (8.49 pm) service.

For further details of these extra evening services, and a poster, please visit the [events page on our website](#) or pick up or [download a Rail Ale Trail leaflet](#) with contact details of pubs and inns along the route.

[Find out more about the summer evening service >>](#)

Father's Day

Treat him to a meal at one of the pubs and restaurants along the Esk Valley such as the [Board Inn](#) which is open on Sundays: 01947 897279.



Take the train and everyone can enjoy a drink. It is literally only 5 minutes' walk from the station. For example, the train leaves Middlesbrough at 11.07 arriving at Lealholm 12.01, returning from Lealholm 15.57, arriving back at Middlesbrough at 16.53. Or there is a service from Whitby at 12.46 arriving Lealholm at 13.18. The return journey is 17.20 from Lealholm arriving back at Whitby for 17.55 The timetable can also be downloaded from our website.

[Find out more about Lealholm >>](#)

The Esk Valley Walk

For walkers, the Esk Valley Walk provides a truly attractive variety of scenery and landscape.

This 37-mile (60km) walk follows the River Esk (and the Esk Valley Railway) from its source high on the North York Moors to the coast at Whitby. It's marked by a special waymark with a leaping salmon – yellow arrows mean a footpath and blue denotes a bridleway. You can also choose to take shorter walks as the route is comfortably divided into short walks to suit all abilities.



The name Esk stems from a Celtic word Isca, meaning water or stream, and the valley is rich in historical remains from prehistoric earthworks and medieval packhorse bridges. Please always follow the country code and also bring suitable footwear and clothing as recommended by the Park Rangers Tel: 01439 772737.

You can now [download a copy of this walk](#) from the North York Moors National Park's website.



[Find out more about walking in the Esk Valley >>](#)

A Meander Down the Esk

From Thursday 27 August – Tuesday 22 September there will be an exhibition of **John Freeman's superb watercolours and pencil drawings** at [Danby Moors Centre](#) to coincide with his new book on the bridges and wildlife on the River Esk.

There are three bridges he is hoping to find local names for as soon as possible: one is near Rake's Farm, another is under Limber Hill and the third is below Aislaby. If you can help, please contact EVRDC to see if you can put a name to the photographs we have of each one.



Meet the Artist, book launch and signing: Saturday 29 August, 12 noon to 3.00 pm. The exhibition is sponsored by the Train Operator for the Esk Valley, [Northern Rail](#)

[Find out more about John Freeman's work >>](#)

150th Anniversary 1865 – 2015

The section from Castleton to Grosmont was opened on 2nd October 2015 and completed the route from Middlesbrough to Whitby, linking Middlesbrough to the coast.



Any ideas you may have for how we can celebrate this event, please let EVRDC know as early as possible.

We would particularly like to see archival photographs of life along the line, such as school train pictures, railway personnel who worked the route, photographs of the stations as they used to be and anything else of interest.

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