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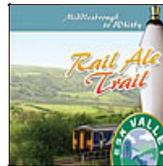
Take the train to Whitby when Goth Weekend is on. There is an entirely different feel to the town and the Goths are an absolute joy, dressed up in imaginative costumes which blend in with the heritage of the town.



On the Friday evening (31st October) join us for a great evening leaving Whitby at **7.19pm**. Kids and dogs are most welcome. Dogs travel free. **Goth and Halloween costumes optional. Best dressed passenger gets a prize!**

We will be serving 'Black Death' real ale supplied by Whitby Brewery. If you wish to alight at one of the villages for a meal, please do remember to book in advance.

For further details of these extra evening services, 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.



Please note that this extra services does not appear in the May-December timetable but is available from the train operator's website: www.northernrail.org

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

[More about the Goth Weekend >>](#)

Last Sunday Service for 2014

Please note that the last Sunday service is on Sunday 2nd November this year.

EVRDC continues to campaign for an year round Sunday service for the benefit of our residents and visitors. Please continue to contact us with letters of support for a continuation through the Winter season.



Whitby Spirit of the 40s Wartime Weekend

Dance Triumph

A 40s evening dance organised by Whitby residents at the Metropole was a complete sellout on Saturday 11th October.

During the day, activities on Dock End by the War Memorial included the Parachute Regiment Association, Teesside Branch, joining up with the 40s celebrations. Katie Mustang entertained the public with 40s songs whilst re-enactors danced in the afternoon sun or took part in the tombola.

Linda and John Cudworth, the event organisers, explained *'This is only our second year of arranging a 40's event at Whitby, yet the support has been so fantastic. I cannot praise enough the support we have received from Whitby residents and businesses who have helped make the whole day and the evening dance such a runaway success.'*

'Special mention must go to Chris Wales, the manager of the Metropole, the Co-op and Sainsbury's supermarkets, the Whistlestop Café, Esk Valley Railway Community Rail Partnership and Northern Rail who all generously supported the event.'

Shops entered into the spirit by decorating their windows in the 40s theme. The Esk Valley Concert Band and Starstruck Performing Arts supported Katie Mustang in entertaining the packed audience at the evening dance at the Metropole. All the advance tickets were sold out. Susie Corrigan and Hayley Miller commented, *'What a brilliant evening's entertainment. The atmosphere was fantastic. Linda and John have worked so hard and it has paid off.'*

Linda said, *'Next year will be even better. We have already starting planning the 2015 event. Anyone interested in helping, please do get in contact.'* For further details or to book for next year's dance, please contact Linda on 01947 605407.



ACoRP Award for Rail Replacement

Anyone who has travelled our line knows that rail replacement is essential when trains have to be cancelled for whatever reason. With three and a half hours between each service, passengers cannot just simply 'take the next train'.

For this reason a partnership was formed between **Northern,**

EVRDC and the **County Council** to improve the procedures for putting rail replacement into practice. Northern's innovative plans for rail replacement delivery, coupled with EVRDC's presence providing information, have successfully provided a much improved service to passengers during



times of rail disruption. County in turn have provided extra coaching stock dedicated to getting the school children to and from school as quickly as possible.

As a result of this project, Northern, EVRDC and North Yorkshire County Council were presented with an Award at the [ACoRP Annual Awards](#) ceremony, held at Scarborough this year.

Santa Trains 2014

On **Saturdays 6th and 13th December**, we are once again running our popular Santa services. Santa and Mrs Christmas will be travelling on the 12.41 from Whitby. The Train Operator, Northern, will be providing goodies for the kids. Parents will be treated to a mince pie and sherry. Dogs will get a biscuit!



Duo tickets are £11.10 for two adults travelling together for a day-return ticket from Whitby to Middlesbrough.

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