



## ESK VALLEY RAILWAY PASSENGERS' NEWSLETTER

October 2012

### Extra Half Term Services

Enjoy great days out in the Esk Valley and Whitby this Half Term.

#### Extra trains on Fridays:

26th October and 2nd November leaving Middlesbrough at 2044 (8.44 pm) and Whitby at 2225 (10.25 pm).

#### Halloween Service:

Friday 2nd November service will be our Halloween Music and Ale Train. Railroad Hobos will be playing live on the night. Real ale from Captain Cook brewery, wine and soft drinks will be served.

#### Extra Sunday Services:

There are also two extra services on Sundays: 28th October and 4th November leaving Middlesbrough 1107 and 1417, departing Whitby 1244 and 1555.

Travel to Whitby for an evening out or into the Esk Valley villages from Middlesbrough for Sunday lunch. Depart Middlesbrough 1107, arriving at Lealholm 1159 or Egton 1209. Catch the 1615 from Egton or the 1629 from Lealholm, returning to Middlesbrough for 1722. **Further train times are on our Homepage:** [www.eskvalleyrailway.co.uk](http://www.eskvalleyrailway.co.uk)

#### Santa Services 2012

Meet Santa and his little helpers on Saturdays 8th and 15th December on the 12.41 departing Whitby and the 14.16 departing Middlesbrough. We will be serving mince pies and sherry.

#### Esk Valley Passenger Survey

Our survey is still open for passenger comments. If you have not yet filled out a survey online, please follow the link below. The more information we collect which illustrates the need for extra services, such as access to work, education and the new station serving the James Cook University Hospital, the more chance we have of getting an increase in services for Whitby and the Esk Valley. No personal data will be passed on to third parties.

<http://www.surveymonkey.co/s/eskvalleyrailway2012>

You can also complete it on our website on the Homepage: [www.eskvalleyrailway.co.uk](http://www.eskvalleyrailway.co.uk)

or the About EVRDC page: [www.eskvalleyrailway.co.uk](http://www.eskvalleyrailway.co.uk)

For those of you who completed a form when visiting our stand at the Danby and Egton shows, many thanks. We appreciated meeting with our passengers and residents and visitors to the area.

For more information on our Music Trains, please visit the website: [www.eskvalleyrailway.co.uk/events](http://www.eskvalleyrailway.co.uk/events)

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### Travel contacts

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Volunteers contribute a lot of hours helping to keep the Esk Valley stations looking their best.

This sense of ownership is of benefit to the train operator as well as passengers. Concerns are reported quickly to Northern and rectified.

Friends of Great Ayton Station have been working in partnership with teams of apprentices from North York Moors National Park Authority to improve the car park area. Overgrown vegetation has been cleared and a new boundary fence has been erected. Funding for the fence has been provided by Hambleton and Richmondshire Strategic Forum grants scheme and Great Ayton Parish Council. The extended car park is ideal as a park and ride for travelling through to Whitby and the Esk Valley by train or cycling. Walkers can also leave their cars and enjoy a leisureing stroll through the park.

If you would like to volunteer to help maintain stations or for events along the Esk Valley, contact EVRDC for further information: details on this enewsletter.

[Visit the website for contact details on volunteering >>](#)

### Special Events

*We are happy to help organize rail travel opportunities for all such special events. It helps to promote our community line, bringing new and valued custom for this scenic rural line. Local businesses also benefit as well as rail operators. We are here to advise on which timetabled services are best to use for this purpose and, by prior arrangement, will decorate the train.*

Contact Esk Valley Railway for more details: 01947 601987 or visit our website [www.eskvalleyrailway.co.uk](http://www.eskvalleyrailway.co.uk) for details of fares and timetables.

Group ticket discounts are available from the train operator for ten or more people. Contact Northern direct on 0845 00 00 125 for details on how to book.

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