WARTIME WEEKEND
October 16th, 17th, 18th 2009
North York Moors Railway

Every October, the North Yorkshire Moors Railways recaptures the spirit of the second world war, with its War Time Weekend.

It is an annual tribute to the men and women who kept Britain's railways running throughout the war. To remember them, they recreate the sights and sounds of those dark days. Every hour, steam trains leave with servicemen and women, factory workers, land army girls, nurses ..... and you! The weekend begins with the ceremonial flag raising on Friday, and continues until it is lowered again on Sunday afternoon.

Hundreds of skilled re-enactors help create the authentic atmosphere that has earned it an international reputation for authenticity.

Goathland, and all the other stations from Grosmont to Pickering are dressed with wartime signs, notices, sandbags and taped up windows, and re-enactors are everywhere, showing how life was during the war years.

On Saturday, there is a parade in Pickering, and in the evening, a superb costume dinner dance, complete with NAAFI canteen and Glen Miller type orchestra.

Friday - I will confirm the time of the flag raising ceremony for those who wish to attend. As far as accommodation for the weekend is concerned, Pickering is likely to be fully booked up well in advance and I don't think anything is happening in Friday in Pickering, so I was going to suggest that you book accommodation in York for Friday Night.

During the day I was arranging a tour of the snickleways (medieval pathways) around the center of York preceded by shopping (wander around the center of York) or visit to the Castle Museum (http://www.yorkcastlemuseum.org.uk/Page/Index.aspx) followed by a meal in the city center.

Camping, for those that want to, will be available.

Alternately, if something is happening in Pickering on the Friday, then we can include that in our itinerary....

Saturday we need to be in Pickering for 11:00am as there is a parade through the town of everyone involved in the weekend in uniform/costume. Pickering Is an American/British occupied zone.

Saturday Lunch will be around 13:00 - 14:00 in Le Visham (Levisham) which is the first stop on the steam railway from Pickering to Grosmont. Le Visham is in German occupied France and there is a French cafe where we can park up and have lunch.

We can then take the train to Goathland, which is occupied by the British and had a walk about.

The back to the train and return to Le Visham and drive to Goathland and then on to Whitby.see: http://nymr.co.uk/news/special-events-for-2009

My proposal is that we book accommodation in Whitby http://www.whitby.co.uk/ for the Saturday night and went out "on the town" there is a world famous fish restaurant (the Magpie) that can be booked. Alternately, we could attend an event in Pickering (1940's dance) either by train or drive by car (in convoy with less cars but more passengers) - I have yet to get details of the 1940's evening events going on in Pickering. Period dress (40’s or Wartime theme) is encouraged.

I will be painting the doors on my car with the FFI and Cross of Lorraine emblems!

On the **Sunday** we would drive from Whitby to Grosmont to Goathland to Le Visham to Pickering and then on to a local motor museum in Thornton-le-dale (http://www.nymm.co.uk/), then leave for home toward the end of the afternoon.

Cost: I don't envisage that there will be any costs as everyone will be booking their own accommodation and paying for own food. A deposit for the Friday evening meal will be required and possibly for the Saturday evening if there are no events on in Pickering – I will consult with all who respond (by email and letter/phone).

If you are interested in attending, please email me stating the number of people attending and whether you will be visiting Sunday Only, Saturday only, Saturday and Sunday or Friday Saturday and Sunday. For those of you with out email please complete and return the following by Friday September 25th 2009.

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Yes I will be attending on the following days:

- ☐ Sunday only
- ☐ Saturday only
- ☐ Saturday and Sunday
- ☐ Friday and Saturday
- ☐ Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- ☐ Other …….. (Please specify

Number of people: ….. Adults ….. Children (<16 years)

Names:

Driver:……

Passengers:……

Any Special requirements:……

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