

Friends of Romiley Station



## NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2026

Welcome to the August edition of our monthly Newsletter which follows a very dry, sunny and rather warm July that has presented numerous challenges, not least trying to keep the gardens and planters suitably watered.

Unfortunately, from very early in the month our two water butts had run dry so it has been a case of having to bring water to the station in containers.

On the plus side it has been wonderful to see the opening of the new Proper Koffee Co. premises on Platform 1 (more on that below).

In addition there was the successful community event in Romiley Park on 4th July and the visit to the station on 15th July by the Royal Horticultural Society's judge as part of the Romiley in Bloom entry into "It's your neighbourhood". The judge was very positive about not just what she observed at the station but also the many other areas of the village she visited. She left with one of our Walks Booklets. So maybe she will return one day to undertake some of the many walks.

### FoRS ANNUAL WALK – 4TH JULY 2026

It was a very pleasant dry afternoon for this year's walk which was a circular walk from the station taking in the Peak Forest Canal, Hyde Bank, Cherry Tree, Romiley Golf Club, Greave and Hill Top before ending up a few yards short of the station at the Platform One pub.

It was good to have Peter Black from the Friends of Marple Station and another of their members join us.

The picture alongside shows some intrepid hikers waiting to start the walk.

Thanks again to Mike Hanson for planning everything and leading the walk. His directions were just right with the walk ending at the Platform One pub.



## **“THE END OF THE LINE WITH NORTHERN” QUIZ**

Yet again this month we were inspired by Northern’s Explorer Leaflet when it came to setting a quiz.

The leaflet marks stations which are at the start or end of a direct train route.

For this quiz we are using the 4 “Manchester” Stations (Victoria, Piccadilly, Oxford Road and Airport) as our starting points.

All you have to do is work out where the train ends its journey and spot the answer to the clue along the way that should tell you which line you are on.

### **For Example:**

Having set off from the Airport the train calls at the station made famous by film director David Lean in his 1945 film starring Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard before reaching our final stop in the town that was home to the world’s worst professional golfer Maurice Flitcroft. Where did the train call at and where was the end of the line?

The answers being Carnforth (the setting for much of the film Brief Encounter) and Barrow-in-Furness (where Maurice Flitcroft worked as a crane driver but conned his way into the Open Golf tournament on more than one occasion and inspired the comedy film “The Phantom of the Open”)

So get stuck into the following 10 Northern Routes and solve all the clues.

### **Route No. 1**

Leaving Oxford Road we soon pass the home of the only Manchester football club to have its own station bearing its name, although it has not been used now since 2018. Some 30 minutes later we arrive at our last stop which is one of 3 stations containing this Cheshire town’s name. Which football ground did we pass and where did we end up?

### **Route No. 2**

Staying with Oxford Road we are going to the seaside on this journey, although if the tide is out it’s quite some walk to the actual sea. Before arriving we make stops not far from the home of Warburton’s Bread and a canal pier featured in the title of George Orwell’s classic 1937 book that bears its name. Where were we going in search of the sea and in which Greater Manchester towns did we stop?

### **Route No. 3**

This time our day trip starts at Piccadilly. On this journey we pass close by a reservoir that in 2019 nearly gave way resulting in many residents of the town having to be evacuated and the closure of the line. Our journey and the line ends at one of the two places that claim to be England’s highest market town. What was the reservoir we passed and where did we end our journey?

#### **Route No. 4**

We stay with Piccadilly for this trip to see one of the prototype Advanced Passenger Trains (ATPs) built by British Rail during the 1970s and 80s. On the way we pass right by Cheshire's only UNESCO World Heritage Site. What is that site and where did our train terminate?

#### **Route No. 5**

Yet again we are setting off from Piccadilly as we head off to a city that was created in 1925 where we expect to be able to buy some decent crockery. Our train makes a stop at town renowned for its fine silk production. Where did our train stop and what to which city were we heading?

#### **Route No. 6**

At long last we are setting off from Victoria as we take the last train of the day (one of only two trains a day that start here for our destination) for a journey of less than 15 minutes. We only call at one other station, which is near to a Metrolink terminus, before arriving into the bay platform just a few yards from what during most of the day is a thriving real ale outlet. What are the two stations that our train serves?

#### **Route No. 7**

It's back to the Airport now for our next day trip as we board our Class 195 train. Our journey takes well over 2 hours but it's worth it as we end up not far from where we can get onto the water aboard the MV Tern, Along the way we passed by a city's Grade 1 listed medieval castle that was a prison until 2011. Which city did we pass through and where was the end (literally) of the line?

#### **Route No. 8**

Again we set off from the Airport but this time on an electric powered train as it's again time to go to the seaside. On a clear day we can see our destination in No. 2 from the top of one of the resorts many Victorian landmarks. On the way we called at what became England's 50th city during 2002. What was that city and where were we actually heading to?

#### **Route No. 9**

Time now to set off from Oxford Road again as we head west from its bay platform. The penultimate stop on the route is at a station that was once the end of the line before a tunnel was built so that the end was much nearer to the centre of the city being served which has an underground railway. What was the penultimate station and where did we get off the train?

#### **Route No. 10**

Our final trip sets off from Piccadilly and is a lovely scenic route. Towards the end of the journey the train passes through a 6,230 yards tunnel that was completed in 1893 which at the time was the second-longest railway tunnel in the UK with only the Severn Tunnel being longer. Where were we heading to, what is the name of the tunnel and by which station is the tunnel's western portal?

## **ROMILEY COMMUNITY EVENT – SATURDAY 4TH JULY**

Romiley Park was the venue for the very successful Community Event on 4th July organised by Stockport Council's Strategy, Policy and Research Team.

The event was very much geared towards encouraging people to be active.

It was supported by the South East Manchester Community Rail Partnership (who had a stall featuring lots of useful goodies) as well as Transport for Greater Manchester, Greater Manchester Police, Stockport Community Cycling Club and Life Leisure, to name but a few.

Hopefully the event will have encouraged more people to look at the many alternatives to travel rather than just climbing into the car so as to get everywhere.



## **TASK SESSIONS**

There were two very productive Task Sessions during the second week of July.

The first session on Saturday 11th July concentrated on really tidying up the station in anticipation of the RHS visit the following Wednesday.

The second session on Monday 13th July saw the putting together of a lovely "Romiley Blooms" display by the main station entrance.

It featured artwork created by the pupils of Greave Primary School. In fact the youngsters from Greave had produced so much that we put also put together an extensive display of their artistry in the Platform One waiting room, which really brightened it up.

Our final session of the month, on Tuesday 28th July, was very much one dedicated to ensuring the survival of the many plants throughout the station.





**A small selection of photographs showing just a part of our “Romiley Blooms” display featuring artwork created by the pupils of Greave Primary School together with numerous handcrafted flowers**



This month's Saturday Task Session will be from 2.00pm until 4.00pm on 8th August followed by a Tuesday evening session on Tuesday 25th August from 7.00pm until 9.00pm.

In addition there will need to be regular visits to the station so as to undertake watering.

Of course, after each Task Session we head off to one of the nearby pubs to be suitably watered ourselves/

However, as mentioned earlier our 2 water butts (Platform one and by the Council's kiosk) are currently empty. However, we do look forward in the hope of bringing our cubic metre of water container back into use at the earliest opportunity.



## THE PROPER KOFFEE COMPANY – PLATFORM ONE

On Monday 13th July Katy and Pippa opened their fantastic new coffee shop within the previously empty rooms fronting onto Platform One.

Although we say coffee shop it is way more than that.



extensive menu of spectacular food. Anything from a full cooked traditional breakfast to beautifully crafted cakes.

Everything is to an incredibly high standard, yet it is reasonably priced.



True, they do sell a range of splendid coffees. However, that is only part of the story as they have put together an



| Breakfast/Bunch menu                                                                                                           |       |                                                                                                                     |
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| 1st Class                                                                                                                      | 11.00 | Proper Eggs 5.25                                                                                                    |
| 2 x sausage, bacon, eggs, hash brown, black put, beans, mushroom, tomato, toast/fried bread                                    |       | 2 x fried, scrambled or poached eggs, with 2 x white, granary or sourdough (+30p) toast.                            |
| 2nd Class                                                                                                                      | 9.00  | PK Sandwich on bread, toast or a barm - Bacon & egg 5.00                                                            |
| 1 x sausage, bacon, egg, hash brown, beans, tomato, mushroom, toast/fried bread                                                |       | Bacon & egg 5.50                                                                                                    |
| Veggie/Vegan Breakfast                                                                                                         | 10.50 | Bacon & sausage 6.00                                                                                                |
| 1 x sausage/veggie, 1/2 avocado sliced, mushrooms, tomato, hash brown (extra for vegan), beans, toast                          |       | Sausage 5.25                                                                                                        |
| Toast x 2 - white, granary or sourdough (+30p) with butter, jam, or marmalade or honey, choco spread or peanut butter (+30p)   |       | Sausage & egg 5.75                                                                                                  |
| Cheese on toast x 2                                                                                                            | 3.00  | Bacon, sausage & egg 6.50                                                                                           |
| 2 x toast white, granary or sourdough (+30p)                                                                                   |       | Double egg 4.25                                                                                                     |
| Crumpets x 2                                                                                                                   | 4.25  | The Big Burn - 2 x bacon, sausage, fried egg, hash brown, cheese, + sauce 6.95                                      |
| Tescake                                                                                                                        | 3.25  | The Breakfast Express 6.00                                                                                          |
| Bagel                                                                                                                          | 3.00  | Pressed wrap with bacon, saus, egg, tomato, hash brown, cheese & sauce                                              |
| NY Bagel                                                                                                                       | 6.75  | Proper Bene's 7.75-9.75                                                                                             |
| (Avocado, bacon, cream cheese & egg)                                                                                           |       | on sourdough with 2 poached eggs & hollandaise sauce with a choice of toppings -                                    |
| Salmon & cream cheese bagel                                                                                                    | 6.00  | The Bene - Ham/Bacon 8.25                                                                                           |
| French Toast                                                                                                                   | 7.25  | Florentine - Spinach 7.75                                                                                           |
| (2 slices of white or sourdough toast choice of topping - egg, cream, cinnamon, vanilla, or sugar)                             |       | Royal - Salmon 9.00                                                                                                 |
| Proper Bene's - on white, granary or sourdough (+30p) 2 perfectly poached eggs with hollandaise sauce, chives/paprika -        |       | Cal - avocado + salmon/bacon 9.75                                                                                   |
| The Bene Ham/Bacon 8.25                                                                                                        |       | Bene Stack - bacon, saus, black put, poached eggs & chives 9.75                                                     |
| Royal Benedict - Salmon 9.00                                                                                                   |       | Wahey-Wahey 9.25                                                                                                    |
| Florentine - Spinach 9.00                                                                                                      |       | white, granary or sourdough (+30p) toast, 2 eggs, sliced avocado, halloumi, bacon/chorizo, hot honey sauce & chives |
| Proper Crumpets - 2 crumpets, spinach/mushroom, 2 bacon/salmon, 1 black pudding, 2 eggs & melted cheese                        | 8.00  | Waffles - with toppings 7.50                                                                                        |
| Seriously Salmon - 1 toast white, granary or sourdough (+30p) with 2 eggs, salmon & chives.                                    |       | Bacon & maple syrup 6.00                                                                                            |
| Sweet Heat sourdough - 1 x sourdough toast, sliced avocado, cheese scrambled eggs, grilled tomato, hot honey drizzle & chives. |       | Just syrup 7.50                                                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                |       | Berries & cream 7.50                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                |       | Bacoff & cream 7.50                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                                                                |       | Chocolate 6.00                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                                                                |       | Loaded - ice cream, sprinkles, sauce & cream! 7.50                                                                  |

| LUNCH/MAINS                                                                                           |                                                                                                |
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| Toastie/Pressed Wrap, with fries & salad -                                                            | The Proper Burger: 10.00                                                                       |
| Tuna Melt, 8.50                                                                                       | Brioche bun, 2 x smash patties, melted cheese                                                  |
| Chipotle, 9.25                                                                                        | mixed leaf, tomato, onion, sauce of choice                                                     |
| Big BBQ 9.50                                                                                          | with a side salad & fries (French or sweet potato)                                             |
| Hot Honey Halloumi 9.25                                                                               | Chicken Hot Honey Burger: 10.00                                                                |
| Ham/bacon/chicken 8.75                                                                                | Brioche bun, crispy chicken, halloumi,                                                         |
| Cheese 8.00                                                                                           | tomato, mixed leaf, red onion, Hot Honey sauce                                                 |
|                                                                                                       | with side salad & fries (French or sweet potato)                                               |
| Lunch your way -                                                                                      | Homemade Soup with bread or toast [white,                                                      |
| as a sandwich, wrap, barm or a salad bowl;                                                            | granary or sourdough +30p] 5.00                                                                |
| all with fries & salad garnish                                                                        | With a 1/2 sandwich: 7.50                                                                      |
| Tuna salad - tuna mayo, mixed leaf, red onion & cucumber 8.25                                         | With a full sandwich: 9.00                                                                     |
| Prawn & Salmon - prawns, salmon, mixed leaf, cucumber & Marie Rose sauce 9.50                         | Fillings - any from our 'Lunch your way' selection                                             |
| BLT - bacon, mixed leaf, tomato & mayo 8.25                                                           | Loaded Fries - all with a salad garnish & dressing                                             |
| Chicken & Bacon - chicken breast, bacon, tomato, mixed leaf, onion, sauce of choice 9.00              | Cheese overload - cheddar, feta, mozzarella & Mexican, chives: 7.50                            |
| Cal Club - chicken breast, 2 bacon, sliced avocado, tomato, mixed leaf, red onion, chipotle mayo 9.50 | Mexican - chicken breast, avocado, red onion, tomato, cheese, coriander & chipotle mayo: 8.00  |
| Hoisin Duck - crispy duck, spring onion, hoisin sauce, & mixed leaf 9.75                              | BBC - cheese, crispy bacon, spring onion, bbq sauce: 7.50                                      |
| Ham salad - ham, mixed leaf, tomato, red onion, cucumber 8.25                                         | Crispy Hot Honey - crispy chicken, halloumi, melted cheese, spring onion, Hot Honey sauce 7.50 |
| The Vegan - 4 onion Bhajis, cucumber, spinach, tomato, red onion & Raita sauce: 9.25                  |                                                                                                |
| PK Jackets with a choice of butter, filling & a side salad -                                          |                                                                                                |
| Just butter, garlic & herbs, chilli & garlic or hot honey butters.                                    |                                                                                                |
| Fillings -                                                                                            |                                                                                                |
| Just butter [any of above] 5.50                                                                       |                                                                                                |
| Beans or cheese, 5.75                                                                                 |                                                                                                |
| Beans & cheese, 6.00                                                                                  |                                                                                                |
| Bacon & cheese, 6.50                                                                                  |                                                                                                |
| Tuna melt, 6.50                                                                                       |                                                                                                |
| Prawn & Salmon, 7.50                                                                                  |                                                                                                |
| Hot honey, 7.50                                                                                       |                                                                                                |
| Chorizo melt, 7.50                                                                                    |                                                                                                |
| The Greek: 7.00                                                                                       |                                                                                                |

The food menus above are available as both sit in and takeaway. Advance orders can also be placed by phoning 0161 989 3370. They are open Monday to Saturday from round about 6.45am until 4.00pm. If you haven't already been then do pop along asap.

## WATER BUTTS - RISK MANAGEMENT

Last month Northern having reviewed the risk management for water butts issued updated guidance for their use at stations.

In short they have introduced the below industry the following guidance and controls:

- Water Butts must be used solely for watering plants
- Handwashing facilities have been provided next to the water butt
- Warning signage has been provided to highlight the hygiene risks

We currently only have one water butt at the station itself, which is the one at the rear of platform one (pictured below).

As can be seen a hand sanitizer has been attached to the adjacent wall together with the warning sign mentioned above.

Our other water butt is located on Council land by the old weighbridge kiosk but it makes sense to follow the guidance provided whilst using that one as well.



If any member using the water butt finds the hand sanitiser is empty then please email us at [ForS@btinternet.com](mailto:ForS@btinternet.com) so that arrangements can be made to refill it.

As previously mentioned we do hope to bring our other station water butt, located behind the Platform Two buildings, back into use at the earliest opportunity.

Although it is currently just stored there for now, Northern have very kindly physically attached both a hand sanitiser and warning sign to it so that it is ready for the future once it has been set up.



## STEAM HAULED TRAIN TRIP FROM ROMILEY – 5TH SEPTEMBER 2026

The Railway Touring Company have announced details of a steam-hauled day excursion Scarborough which will be stopping at Romiley to pick up passengers.

The journey will take in some of the most scenic railway routes in our region, including the Peak District, the Yorkshire Wolds and the picturesque Yorkshire Coast Line.

It starts off from Manchester Victoria calling first at Romiley, followed by Hathersage and Sheffield.

From Sheffield, its last pick up point, it passes through Doncaster and Goole, where it crosses the River Ouse on its railway swing bridge.

From there it follows the north bank of the Humber Estuary, providing extensive views across the water before passing beneath the Humber Bridge prior to joining the Yorkshire Coast Line.

It's then on to Scarborough taking in the towns of Beverley, Driffield and Bridlington.

After a 2½ hour stopover the return journey to Romiley is via Malton and York (where the steam locomotive is replaced by diesel for the remainder of the trip).

Provisional timings has the train leaving Manchester Victoria at 7.15am and Romiley at 8.10am. Arrival back in Romiley is scheduled for 9.40pm



## The East Yorkshireman

Saturday 5 September 2026

If anyone fancies travelling on the train full details and booking can be made at

<https://www.railwaytouring.net/>

Fares start at £120 in standard class for adults (£90 for juniors) rising to £225 (£160 juniors) in first class and £335 (£240 juniors) in premier dining class.



## “THE END OF THE LINE WITH NORTHERN QUIZ – THE ANSWERS

1. We passed **Old Trafford** (home to Manchester United Halt) and ended up at **Warrington Central** (the other station being Warrington West and Warrington Bank Quay).
2. We were off to **Southport** calling at **Bolton** (home to Warburtons) and **Wigan** (renowned for its pier!).
3. We passed **Toddbrook Reservoir** in Whaley Bridge before visiting the lovely Derbyshire Spa Town of **Buxton** (which along with Alston in Cumbria claims to be England's highest market town at some 300m above sea level).
4. Ending up in **Crewe** (to visit the Crewe Railway Heritage Centre home to the APT and many other railway attractions) we went right by the **Jodrell Bank Observatory** (sit on the left hand side of the train for the best view) which is dominated by the Grade I listed Lovell Telescope.
5. **Macclesfield** (home to an interesting Silk Museum) was one of the stops on our way to **Stoke-on-Trent** known for being at the centre of the pottery industry.
6. **Stalybridge** was our final destination (home to the legendary Station Buffet). Before that we had stopped at **Ashton-under-Lyne** a terminus station on the Manchester Metrolink system.
7. **Lancaster** was home to its 12th century castle prison, which now houses a fantastic police museum (open only on Thursdays and Fridays plus Saturdays during August). We end up at **Windermere** station (a short bus ride from the Lake that is home to Windermere Lake Cruises).
8. We called at **Preston** (given city status during the 50th year of Queen Elizabeth II's reign) before ending up at **Blackpool North** (and up Blackpool Tower, opened in 1894).
9. In 1830 our train to Liverpool would have terminated at **Edge Hill**, but with the building of a tunnel that opened in 1836 trains can now terminate at **Liverpool Lime Street**.
10. Our final journey travels up the Hope Valley (via Romiley of course) before terminating in **Sheffield** but not before going through **Totley Tunnel** which starts just beyond **Grindleford** station.

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