

CLITHEROE FESTIVAL

The successful 2007 Clitheroe Festival is to be repeated in 2008 over Community Rail Weekend.

Events include:

- A BMX and Skateboard Competitions
- A Hog Roast
- A Real Ale Festival
- Vintage bus links from Clitheroe Interchange into the delightful Ribble Valley
- Special events on Castle Field

and much much more

There will also be a special event in the Platform Gallery, adjacent to Clitheroe Interchange, where there will be a display of artwork undertaken by local primary schools along with entries from the Community Rail Weekend photographic competition.

Full details of all these events will be set out in a full colour brochure or on the Clitheroe the Future website: www.clitheroethefuture.co.uk

EVENTS AT HELLIFIELD

A new venue for 2008 is Hellifield Station, which will be hosting a number of rail user groups as well as a Craft Fair and 'Rail Swap' organised by the Friends of the Settle to Carlisle Line.

Hellifield Station also has a Café, run by Kingfisher Tours which will be open on the day. The Café has plenty of photographs from the days of steam and publicity from a widespread number of railway friendly organisations.



THE LANCASHIRE FAMILY OF COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIPS

The Five Community Rail Partnerships in Lancashire are:

East Lancashire CRP

Clitheroe Line CRP

West of Lancashire CRP

Leeds, Lancaster & Morecambe CRP

South Fylde Line CRP

The CRPs are partnerships between Local Councils, Northern Rail, Network Rail, the Passenger Transport Executives and various Rail User Groups.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

All Community Rail Partnerships welcome involvement from their local communities including – individuals, faith organisations/church groups, schools and colleges, youth organisations, businesses, tourist attractions and railway staff. Many organisations adopt stations and these local Station Partnerships cover many stations in Lancashire.

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Including the South Fylde Line Community Rail Partnership:

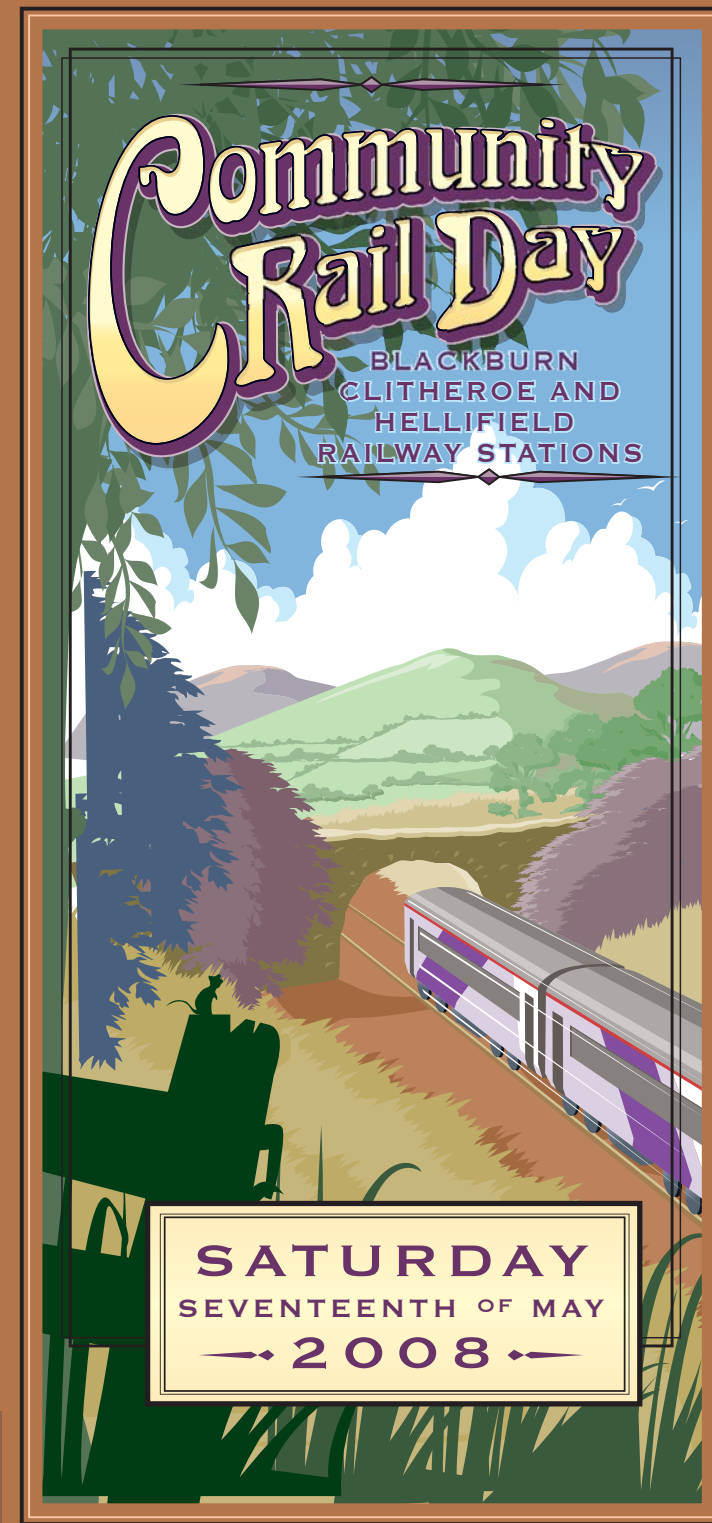
www.railramblers.com

www.elcrp.org

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SATURDAY
SEVENTEENTH OF MAY
— 2008 —

BLACKBURN 09.00 - 12.00 HELLIFIELD & CLITHEROE 09.00 - 16.00

COMMUNITY RAIL IN NORTH WEST ENGLAND

'Community Rail Day' has been established to celebrate our local rail lines. As part of this, activities and celebrations will be taking place across Lancashire and North Yorkshire on Saturday 17 May with the main events taking place at Blackburn, Clitheroe and Hellifield. A new partnership, the South Fylde Line CRP will also be launched on the day at Lytham station. This leaflet sets out some of the events that are planned.

THE EAST LANCASHIRE SOUTH FYLDE - CLITHEROE AND BENTHAM LINES

A journey from Preston to Colne or Blackpool South or along the Clitheroe or Bentham lines really does take you into the heart of Lancashire and North Yorkshire in all its diversity.

FROM PRESTON TO COLNE the train weaves its way between small villages and major towns, through a rich, varied landscape ranging from heavily industrial to some of the North's best hill country. As you travel along you will see glimpses of Pendle Hill and other smaller peaks as well as remains of what made Lancashire great – the mills of Blackburn, Accrington, Burnley, Nelson and Colne.

THE TRAIN FROM MANCHESTER TO CLITHEROE will take you from the vibrant regional centre to the delightful Ribble Valley. The line takes you through some of the most beautiful countryside in Lancashire, traversing the West Pennine Moors with deep cuttings and high viaducts before entering the lush Ribble Valley with views of distant peaks including Pendle Hill before entering the market town of Clitheroe.

PRESTON TO BLACKPOOL SOUTH takes you from Lancashire's administrative centre to one of the busiest seaside destinations in Europe. Out through Preston's suburbs the line soon reaches the country and then on skirting traditional links golf courses with distant views of the 58m high tower and finally to the bustle of the Golden Mile.



THE BENTHAM LINE is 75 miles in length and runs from the fastest growing city in Britain to the Victorian seaside town of Morecambe. The line initially follows the Leeds Liverpool canal through industrial Yorkshire to Skipton before striking out into the rugged countryside of the Dales with views of the high peaks including Ingleborough. It also passes through a number of small towns and villages including the two Benthams after which the line takes its name. It soon reaches Carnforth, and then onto the faded gentility of Morecambe with its recently restored Midland Hotel.

BLACKBURN STATION

Inside Blackburn station foyer will be information stands about community rail, local rail user groups, the British Transport Police, Network Rail, Northern Rail and Transdev/Lancashire United and Burnley & Pendle. Whatever interests you, come along have a look and ask lots of questions.

LET THE TRAIN TAKE YOU FOR A WALK

For the more energetic take the train to Burnley Central station and join a 7-mile moderately easy circular walk. Led by a knowledgeable leader from the Rail Ramblers you will walk along the Burnley Way passing Queen Street Mill and then via Park Wood and the Bronte Way through Swinden Bottom and back to Burnley Central. Details of the walk and joining arrangements can be found at: www.elcrp.org and www.railramblers.com

MUSIC TO WATCH THE WORLD GO BY

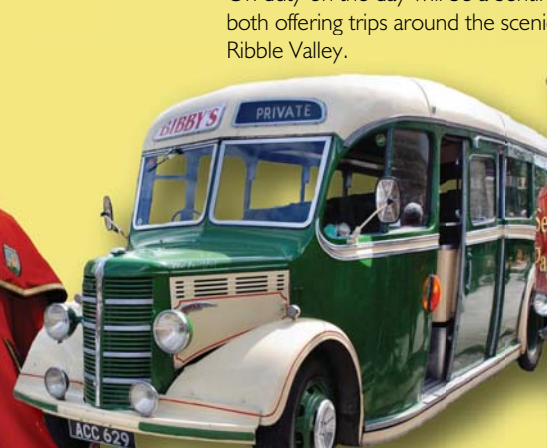
Make your journey a 'rail pleasure' and join one of the Music Trains with street band Blojangles. You will not be able to miss the brightly suited and talented musicians as they entertain you on your travels. Starting at Blackburn the band will join the 10.01 service from Blackburn to Colne returning on the 11.00 departure from Colne.

The band will be joined at Blackburn by some of the invited guests for the South Fylde Launch ceremony and travel through to Lytham.

WANT TO GO FURTHER?

Clitheroe Interchange is renowned for its many connections to all points in the Ribble Valley. Over the weekend special vintage buses will take you back in time as well as transporting you to some of the areas most delightful beauty spots.

On duty on the day will be a Sentinel steam bus and a vintage Bedford bus both offering trips around the scenic Ribble Valley.



FORMAL MATTERS On Community Rail Day the South Fylde Line Community Rail Partnership will be officially launched. Guests will be travelling on the 11.42 from Blackburn to Lytham to mark this important event in the line's history.