

# July 2021

Thursday 1 July

RAILWAY 5

Derby		1310	£12.90
Sheffield	1342	1546	£5.70
Marple	1633		
Rose Hill Marple		1720	£4.70
Manchester Piccadilly	1753	1849	£5.70
Sheffield	2006	2024	
Derby	2051		

A couple of hours in the office, then I buried Colin Wolstenholme's ashes - he was a lovely chap. I drove to the station and went up to Sheffield, walked up to the donor centre and was on the couch by 1410. My platelets flowed beautifully, and I walked back to the station. I had spent a while looking at options - a return Derby to Manchester is valid via Sheffield and via Crewe or Stoke, Uttoxeter or even Tamworth. On the other hand you can get very cheap singles on the slow Northern service along the Hope Valley (passing EMT at Dore).



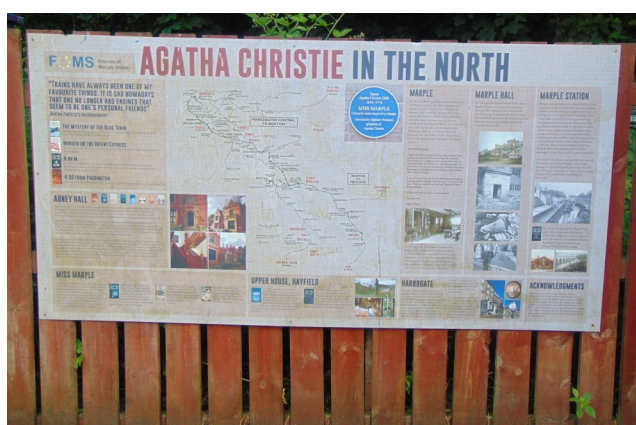
Interesting mill as you come into Marple, where I learned that Miss Marple is named after the Hall where Agatha Christie stayed for a while.







The station has some excellent display boards about Agatha and other fascinating women.



I walked to the Peak Forest Canal and walked along a short stretch into the town centre. We took a canal boat through this stretch in 1983, it is rather lovely.







Through the town, hallelujah a Costa, to Rose Hill station. I was expecting to be there half an hour later, but made the earlier train (though I didn't have time to photo it). Into Manchester via Guide Bridge - it is amazing how much of the old Woodhead electrification infrastructure survives.

Into Manchester Piccadilly where there is a fascinating new statue, "Victory over Blindness" by Johanna Domke-Guyot. It depicts seven blinded WW1 soldiers - the convalescent camp at Heaton Park treated many thousands of wounded men and women. More information at <https://www.blindveterans.org.uk/victory-over-blindness/our-statue/>. I had longer here than expected, so sat in the sun with a book, then travelled back on the slow train, which goes via Reddish and Bredbury. An HST through the arch at Sheffield - not many of them left.







