

Thursday 30 March

RAILWAY 63

Alfreton		0944	£10.00
Leeds	1114	1130	
York	1157	1203	£ 9.40
Scarborough	1253	1302	
Sheffield	1548	1606	
Alfreton	1632		

My second Northern Rail newspaper offer needs to be used by the end of the month. I will not get too tired if all I do is sit on a train No new track on the through train to Leeds, but the line from Leeds to York is new. Church Fenton to Colton Junction has been electrified, but is not yet connected to the ECML wires. I was pleased to see a proper electric loco on the London train at Leeds and I had time to grab a Cornish Pasty.



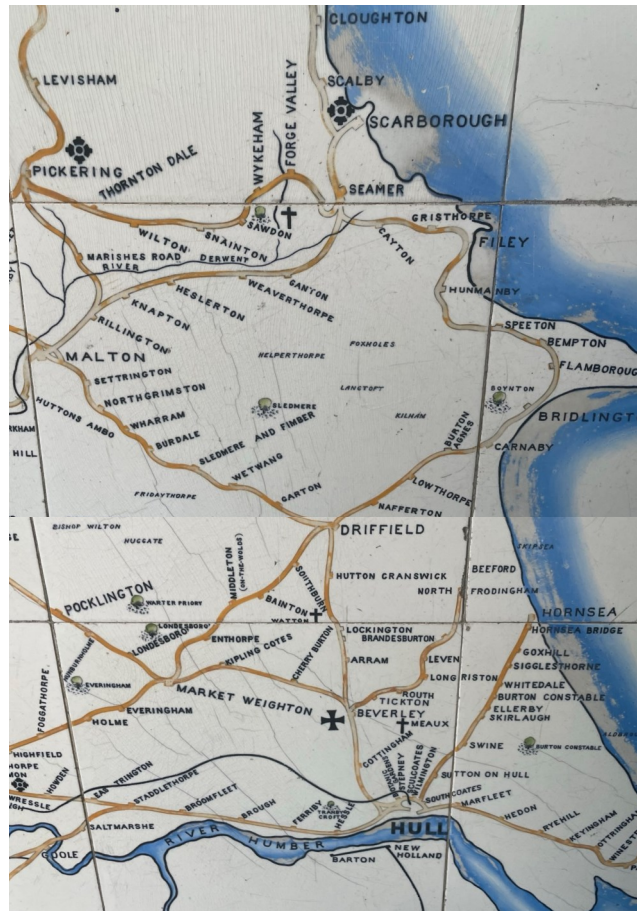
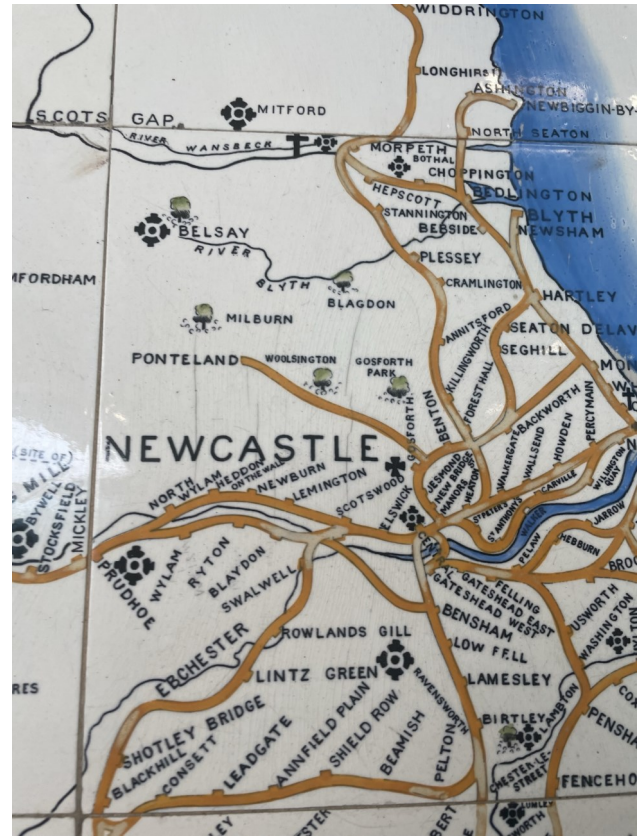


York-Scarborough is not Northern, so I took a risk and bought an advance purchase single on my app as we left Leeds. I just made the dash over the footbridge and onto the loco hauled stock - very nice. It is a gorgeous line, still with all the old boxes, and I need to come and sit in the sun at Kirkham Abbey again.



As we came into Scarborough I photoed (part of) the box and (part of) the longest station bench in the world. The turntable is still in place, but I don't know if any steam engines run to the coast these days. They also have a NER tile map. I had time to get a latte and a cake, then take up residence on a Northern train heading south along the coast.





It is a lovely ride through the Wolds. I remember doing it in 1981 when we started a Hunt Walk at Bempton, and I must have done it since. You can still see the curves for the Filey Holiday Camp spur which closed in 1977 - I remember the teenage me wishing I could go and do it. I can't remember which station has this little building, but I want to be a hermit and take up residence. We waited at Hunmanby for the northbound train. I chatted to the driver, admired another NER map and the lovely gardens. The sight of the sea at Filey and Bridlington didn't make me yearn for the beach, but I would like to visit the churches in Beverley again.



We reversed at Hull, and I said hello to a Hull Train, then along past the Humber Bridge (only the Forth is The Bridge), through Doncaster and into Sheffield. Once the EMT had left for London, our Northern from Leeds arrived and took me back to Alfreton. A good day.