

Saturday 14 October

RAILWAY 94

Hexham		0803	£11.00
Carlisle	0900	0927	£23.40
ShIPLEY	1149	1153	£ 3.85
Ilkley	1217	1221	
Bradford FS	1253	1311	
Bingley	1325	1337	
Carlisle	1558	1622	
Hexham	1716		

Dave and Trish are holidaying in Yorkshire near Kirkby Stephen on the Settle-Carlisle line and Dave and I planned a day out. After yesterday's exertions, I almost cancelled - but I was glad I didn't. The weather was stunning, I trained across to Carlisle and had time to purchase my tickets there. Up the S&C, in the company of a lovely extended family who were having a day out and had brought cake. Dave joined me at KS and we continued south. I did the track from Settle station to Settle Junction, which was an annoying gap from earlier this year, then we continued down through Skipton.

ShIPLEY is one of two triangular stations on BR - the other is Earlestown - and it is a long walk from one platform to the other. Staff were checking tickets and about to get a bit stropy about the fact we hadn't got one to Ilkley, but the guard was happy to sell us one. Up to Ilkley and straight back - one of us is "bah tat". The whole of the East to South curve was done on return. Then on to Bradford Forster Square, and a walk into town to get a tea. I am so glad I didn't get that job in Bradford.

Back up to Bingley, ShIPLEY South to West done, and a change onto the S&C. Another well-loaded service, and the number of cars under the viaduct at Ribbleshead was unbelievable. The trolley was on this train, so we feasted in style. Dave left at Kirkby Stephen, I continued to Carlisle.

'Flying Scotsman' was about to leave, then the Midland Pullman came in. I left for Hexham on a lowlier train, but enjoyed my journey home.





