

Sunday 29 October

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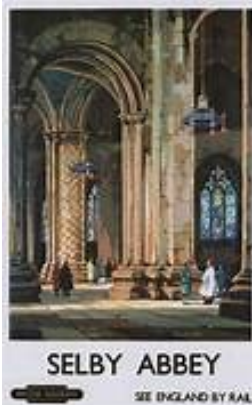
Hexham	0940		
		Off peak day return	5.40
Newcastle	1023	1047	28.65 (1st)
		via Milford Junction & Castleford	
Leeds	1235	1253	2.75
		via Castleford, Milford Junction and Gascoigne Wood Junction	
Selby	1332	1421	2.80
		via Hambleton East and Hambleton North Junction	
York	1442	1448	12.25
Newcastle	1549	1555	
Hexham	1638		

I was allowed out for a second day - J was at church and then Moon stewarding. It was wet when I drove to the station, but I achieved my greatest achievement of the day - I changed the time on the car clock. I was amazed that 30 people were waiting for the train, and it was full by the time we reached Newcastle. The Tyne is extremely full of water. Just time to grab a latte and then I walked across to the Trans-Pennine train. Gill Richardson has given me her Friends and Family code, so I treated myself to a first class ticket south. That was a good choice - standard was full and standing south of York. I relaxed with free tea - I hadn't expected there to be tea on a Sunday.

I was doing this jaunt because there is engineering work between York and Leeds and we were diverted south through Sherburn, then across to Castleford. A useful bit of red I can now colour in. Time at Leeds to transfer to another TP unit, the train to Hull. This one was full and standing too - obviously hundreds of people with rail atlases to colour in. Having just done via Milford Junction to Castleford, the only new track this time was Milford Junction to Gascoigne Wood Junction.

I had texted Hannah to say I would be in Selby, and she came over to meet me. We drove into the town, found most of it was shut, visited Sainsburys for a loo and cat food, then popped into the Abbey to see the train in the stained glass window and have a cup of tea.







Back at the station I joined the York train. This did the curve at Hambleton down onto the ECML, so that's the third piece I can colour in today. I worked on the theory that the Cross Country one I needed to go North would be behind us so I would have time to change platforms - I was correct. I hate Voyagers, but this one wasn't too full.

Another quick change at Newcastle, but the app said the Carlisle train was running late. I walked across the bridge, and was surprised my train was waiting. It sat there for 15 minutes - no apology. Pretty dark by the time I got home - you can tell the clocks have changed. Did I mention I managed to change the car clock?

The main Yorkshire gaps are now the Whitby line, the NYMR and other steam lines. Apperley Junction to Escholt Junction (Leeds to Ilkley), South Milford to Gascoigne Wood Junction, Selby to Temple Hirst Junction, Glasshoughton to Castleford, Wakefield Westgate to Kirkgate, Kirkgate to Hare Park Junction (Grand Central Bradford services not serving Pontefract). Calder Bridge to Turner's Lane (just outside Wakefield) is only done late night Friday and Sunday. Then over in north Lincolnshire I have the Barton-on-Humber branch and the main line Barnetby south to Lincoln. Looking north, the Bishop Auckland branch and the Darlington avoiding line (easiest done in the Up direction), Northalton avoiding line (PSUL says best done on a Sunday), and the Newcastle bridges

