

## **North Yorkshire Moors Railway on track for a fantastic 2019!**

Families looking for a fantastic day out in 2019 should look no further than the North Yorkshire Moors Railway (NYMR) as it has a range of events and experiences to suit everyone and tickets are NOW ON SALE!

Photo by John Davidson

Kick-starting the year in style, the historic railway will welcome the world-renowned Union of South Africa from Saturday 30th March for 7 days, where visitors can board the A4 steam locomotive. The LNER Class A4 steam locomotive was built in Doncaster in 1937. She is one of six surviving Gresley A4s, and is currently operational and mainline certified until April 2019 when she will be permanently withdrawn. Their streamlined design made them instantly recognisable, and one of the class, 4468 Mallard, holds the world record as the fastest steam locomotive.

And the fun doesn't stop there, as throughout the year NYMR will host a number of exciting events, including Behind the Scenes, 60s Fest, Annual Steam Gala, Railway in Wartime and Halloween, before signing off 2019 in festive fashion with its much loved Santa Specials.\*

For an immersive experience, visitors can sit back, relax and enjoy the enchanting North York Moors National Park with friends and family as they experience an unforgettable lunch, afternoon tea or dinner on board the Pullman Dining Train or heritage saloon carriages. Not only that, railway enthusiasts looking to get more 'hands on' can enjoy the Footplate experience and take in all the sounds, smells and sights of NYMR.

Chris Price, General Manager at the railway, said: "We're very excited about the year ahead and both staff and volunteers alike have been working very hard to make it our biggest and best yet. We now look forward to seeing visitors of all ages enjoying the railway and all it has to offer."

As an independent charity, NYMR does not receive any core public funding, so relies on membership subscriptions, donations and volunteers to keep it on track. Currently around £1 million is invested each year in care and maintenance, however much more is needed to ensure that the railway can carry on being operational and enjoyed for years to come. To pledge your support in 2019 please visit [nymr.co.uk/YMJ](http://nymr.co.uk/YMJ)

For more information about NYMR, or to book tickets, please visit [www.nymr.co.uk](http://www.nymr.co.uk)

\*Dates as follows:

Union of South Africa: 30, 31 March, 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7 April

Behind the Scenes: 4, 5 & 6 May

60s Fest: 13 & 14 July

Annual Steam Gala: 27, 28 & 29 September

Railway in Wartime: 11, 12 & 13 October

Halloween Train: 26, 27, 30 & 31 October

Santa Specials: 30 Nov, 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 & 22 December

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#### Notes for editors

The North Yorkshire Moors Railway is an award-winning charitable trust that carries 350,000 passengers every year. It is Britain's most popular heritage railway and is one of the best visitor attractions in the North East. A journey on the railway offers a 90 minute experience across 24 miles of amazing scenery between Pickering & Grosmont.

The NYMR trust relies heavily on donations and the work of its many volunteers and aims to raise £2,500,000 to maintain its services. The 180-year old railway already invests around £1 million annually but there's only so much the fare box can generate and much more is needed for the railway bridges and its 50-100 year old vehicles to remain viable.

- \* The NYMR cares for operating and developing the railway it owns from Pickering to Grosmont.
- \* The heritage railway operates over Network Rail from Grosmont to Whitby.
- \* The charity provides a high quality, safe and authentic evocation of the steam age for the public.
- \* The NYMR is an Educational Charitable Trust. Providing education for all ages.
- \* The railway is a fully accredited museum.