

North Norfolk Railway reveals its 2022 programme

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The 2022 season has been unveiled for the North Norfolk Railway, revealing special events aimed to cater for the line's wide audience of locals, holidaymakers, families and enthusiasts.

Starting 12 February, there will be steam trains in action every day for the half-term week, and then they will continue each weekend until the end of March – before a daily service starts from April to October.

Its special events programme includes Steam Galas on 1 – 3 April and 27 – 29 August, and a Mixed Traction Gala featuring steam and diesel locomotives on 10 – 12 June.

Many will consider the “Steam Back to the Forties” a highlight on 17 and 18 September, while 30 April – 2 May sees a return of the popular Dad’s Army Live event at Weybourne Station: itself a location for the filming of the classic series. Another weekend making a comeback in 2022 is the Beer & Cider Festival which will take place on 24 – 26 June.

A new event for next year is the Sixties Weekend on 22- 24 July, when the railway’s steam and heritage diesel trains of the era will be joined by a colourful line up of classic vehicles and live bands playing

distinctive music of the times.

Autumn visitors will enjoy another new event at Halloween before the line's immensely popular seasonal offerings – the Norfolk Lights Express and Santa Specials – take to the tracks in November and December.

Commercial manager, Graham Hukins said, "After this year's truncated season, it's great to be planning such a varied and packed programme for 2022 featuring some brand new events, some returning after an enforced gap as well as those that we were able to stage this year."

The full list for 2022 is . . .

February Half Term -12 - 19 February

Steam and heritage diesel trains running an off-peak timetable

Weekends 26 Feb - 27 Mar

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Steam Trains Daily - 1 April - 31 October

Standard service most days with peak timetable during school holidays

Spring Steam Gala - 1, 2 & 3 April

Up to six locomotives in steam operating an intensive service

Easter Weekend - 14, 15, 16 & 17 April

A treat for the whole family

Dad's Army Live - 30 April, 1 & 2 May

Wartime capers

Mixed Traction Weekend - 10, 11 & 12 June

Six or more steam and diesel locomotives in action plus heritage diesel multiple units to operate an intensive service

Beer & Cider Festival - 24, 25 & 26 June

Steam and heritage diesel trains plus traditional ales, ciders and more – many produced locally!

Vintage Transport Weekend - 2 & 3 July

Historic road vehicles descend on the railway to create a colourful spectacle alongside the steam trains

Vintage Week - 4 - 10 July

The line's magnificent train of beautifully restored Victorian and Edwardian carriages will run in alongside

standard services

Sixties Weekend - 23 & 24 July

Steam back to the swinging sixties and enjoy train travel, road vehicles, fashion and music of the era

Bank Holiday Steam Gala - 27, 28 & 29 August

Up to six locomotives in steam operating an intensive service

Steam Back to the Forties - 16 & 17 September

The railway's popular 1940s Weekend returns for its 27th year - come and enjoy the atmosphere of this momentous decade

Hallowe'en Happenings - 27, 28, 29 & 30 October

You dare not miss this! Spooky goings on along the line

Weekends in November

Steam and heritage diesel trains running an off-peak timetable

The Norfolk Lights Express - 11 November - 2 January 2023

The popular illuminated train returns to provide an immersive show for the whole family. Most evenings 11 November - 2 January

Santa Specials - weekends in December

Take a steam train ride to meet Father Christmas - there's a present for every child and seasonal refreshments for the whole family

Mince Pie Specials - 27 December - 2 January

A post-Christmas treat, a ride aboard a cosy steam train complete with a mince pie and mulled local cider