



Community Rail Cumbria Calendar 2022

Every station tells a story



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Welcome to 2022

Railway stations tend to have a wealth of history most of which is recorded diligently by keen enthusiasts fascinated by trains and tracks. “Every station tells a story” gives a glimpse of days gone by and invites us to explore further. From ghosts and royalty to movies and poetry our Cumbrian stations have plenty to say. We hope you enjoy the stories and are tempted to take a train journey from a railway station near you very soon!





Onward Travel and Links

Enjoy other areas with stunning landscape and natural beauty:



www.windermere-lakecruises.co.uk



<https://www.mountain-goat.com>



<https://www.cyclinguk.org/cycle/cycling-cumbria>



<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables>



Thousands of people pass through Carlisle's Citadel railway station every day unknowing of the mysterious underground world below. In 1847, the 7,800 sq ft 'Undercroft' was created underneath Carlisle station's Platform No.1. In days gone by, many station workers were nervous of going into the Undercroft due to unsettling experiences. Allegedly, strange draughts came up from the floor and staff had feelings of being watched. It is said that a veiled lady still walks the dusty corridors and there are reports of a headless man walking along Platform 8.



January 2022

1 Saturday	New Year's Day
2 Sunday	
3 Monday	Bank Holiday
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27 Thursday
28 Friday
29 Saturday
30 Sunday
31 Monday



Cark station is architecturally interesting with a main building erected by the Ulverstone and Lancaster Railway (U&LR) in 1857. The station opened on 1 September 1857 as Cark-in-Cartmel. The current name was adopted in 1906. The Furness Railway took over the U&LR in 1862 and was absorbed into the London Midland & Scottish Railway on 1 January 1923. The station originally served Holker Hall, the home of Lord Cavendish of Furness formerly belonging to the Duke of Devonshire. Special waiting rooms were provided for the dukes and their guests. The station building retains many original features and is now a private residence.



February 2022

1 Tuesday

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24 Thursday

25 Friday

26 Saturday

27 Sunday

28 Monday

KENDAL - THE STATION.



As you reach the top of the ramp approach to Kendal station you will see in front of you an area of grass, bushes and flower beds, currently tended by the volunteers of the Friends of Lakes Line group. However, until 1973 when the Lakes Line was reduced to a single line railway, this area was the station's Platform 3. Used mainly for transporting one of Kendal's most famous exports, shoes (K Shoe Company), Platform 3 housed parcel vans onto which K shoes were loaded and the vans attached to the late afternoon train heading south.



March 2022

1 Tuesday

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15 Tuesday

16 Wednesday

17 Thursday

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23 Wednesday

24 Thursday

25 Friday

26 Saturday

27 Sunday

28 Monday

29 Tuesday

30 Wednesday

31 Thursday



The rural town of Harrington became the heart of railway innovation as the birthplace of the affectionately known "Harrington Hump". A gap of 76cm between the train step and platform inspired Rail Officer John Kitchen and Station Manager Chris Cutts to seek a solution enabling easier access on and off the trains. Platform reconstruction was expensive so lightweight structures were investigated which could be mounted on the existing platforms allowing access to one door of the train.

A prototype "hump" was fitted which became a major success attracting government funding and the idea was rolled out across the national network.

The Harrington Hump achieved fame far beyond Cumbria and won a major national rail award.



April 2022

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4	Monday	
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9	Saturday	
10	Sunday	
11	Monday	
12	Tuesday	
13	Wednesday	
14	Thursday	
15	Friday	Good Friday
16	Saturday	

17	Sunday	Easter Sunday
18	Monday	Easter Monday
19	Tuesday	
20	Wednesday	
21	Thursday	
22	Friday	
23	Saturday	
24	Sunday	
25	Monday	
26	Tuesday	
27	Wednesday	
28	Thursday	
29	Friday	
30	Saturday	



Railways came to Dalton in Furness with the opening of the Furness Railway in 1846. The station originally had three platforms, the two in use today and a bay which allowed trains to start at Dalton in the Barrow direction. For several years, Dalton was the terminus of the line because of the need to build a tunnel in the Ulverston direction. Furthermore, a steep incline up to Lindal meant that goods trains would stop at the bottom of the incline so that an additional locomotive could come up to the rear and push the train up the incline. The line was extended from Barrow to Ulverston in 1854 and then connected to Lancaster three years later crossing two tidal estuaries. The station buildings have been converted to houses.



May 2022

1	Sunday
2	Monday Early May Bank Holiday
3	Tuesday
4	Wednesday
5	Thursday
6	Friday
7	Saturday
8	Sunday
9	Monday
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11	Wednesday
12	Thursday
13	Friday
14	Saturday
15	Sunday
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29	Sunday
30	Monday
31	Tuesday



Burneside is home to the world renowned speciality paper manufacturing business founded in 1845 and owned by the Cropper family. Business prospered with the arrival of the railway in 1847 and the station was connected to the Burneside Tramway which served the local mills until 1974. Originally designed and operated as a busy double track line, the station boasted two platforms, goods sidings and a goods yard for freight services. To the east of the station can be found the only two remaining semaphore signals along the line guarding the manually operated road crossing.



June 2022

1 Wednesday

2 Thursday **Summer Bank Holiday**

3 Friday **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

4 Saturday

5 Sunday

6 Monday

7 Tuesday

8 Wednesday

9 Thursday

10 Friday

11 Saturday

12 Sunday

13 Monday

14 Tuesday

15 Wednesday

16 Thursday

17 Friday

18 Saturday

19 Sunday

20 Monday

21 Tuesday

22 Wednesday

23 Thursday

24 Friday

25 Saturday

26 Sunday

27 Monday

28 Tuesday

29 Wednesday

30 Thursday



Few would know that Ravensglass Station played a part of inspiring a well known children's book. The Reverend W Awdry (1911-1997) was an Anglican clergyman, railway enthusiast and hugely successful author who wrote "The Railway Series" of children's books based on the Ravensglass & Eskdale Railway. In his book, "Small Railway Engines" (1967), Reverend Awdry relates part of a holiday that he spent visiting the Ravensglass & Eskdale Railway with colleague Reverend E. R. (Tubby) Boston. The two appear in the book as the Thin Clergyman and the Fat Clergyman. "The Railway Series" later inspired the enduringly popular Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends who are based on Ravensglass locomotives: Bert, Rex, Mike and Jock.



July 2022

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18 Monday

19 Tuesday

20 Wednesday

21 Thursday

22 Friday

23 Saturday

24 Sunday

25 Monday

26 Tuesday

27 Wednesday

28 Thursday

29 Friday

30 Saturday

31 Sunday



The Leeds Children's Charity (LCC) provided holidays from 1904 to 2016 for needy children at Silverdale Holiday Centre. This was a real adventure for many of the children who had never left Leeds before let alone enjoyed a train ride. Situated to the north of the village and overlooking the glorious Morecambe Bay, many of the children had their first experience of seeing cows in the fields and sensing the countryside as they travelled along the Furness Line to Silverdale station. In 2015, the LCC celebrated the most amazing achievement of taking the 60,000th child on holiday to Silverdale!



August 2022

1 Monday

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3 Wednesday

4 Thursday

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6 Saturday

7 Sunday

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11 Thursday

12 Friday

13 Saturday

14 Sunday

15 Monday

16 Tuesday

17 Wednesday

18 Thursday

19 Friday

20 Saturday

21 Sunday

22 Monday

23 Tuesday

24 Wednesday

25 Thursday

26 Friday

27 Saturday

28 Sunday

29 Monday **Summer Bank Holiday**

30 Tuesday

31 Wednesday



Were the Romans here? As the train from Windermere appears round the curve towards Staveley station, the railway track crosses one of the probable lines of the long-lost Roman road between the fort at Watercrook (south of Kendal) and Waterhead, Ambleside. Though the remains of the road in the Staveley area can't be seen, the remains of the fort at Waterhead can be visited just beyond Borrans Park.



September 2022

1 Thursday

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17 Saturday

18 Sunday

19 Monday

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23 Friday

24 Saturday

25 Sunday

26 Monday

27 Tuesday

28 Wednesday

29 Thursday

30 Friday



Camping coaches were a well-loved feature of popular seaside stations from the early to mid-1900s. Located at the more attractive coastal stations around the country, the coaches provided unique holiday accommodation with easy access to the rail network. Seascale station was home to two retired Pullman coaches in the mid-1900s. Eventually, destined for scrap, they were relocated to Ravenglass station and recently refurbished as luxury self-catering holiday accommodation.



October 2022

1 Saturday

2 Sunday

3 Monday

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11 Tuesday

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15 Saturday

16 Sunday

17 Monday

18 Tuesday

19 Wednesday

20 Thursday

21 Friday

22 Saturday

23 Sunday

24 Monday

25 Tuesday

26 Wednesday

27 Thursday

28 Friday

29 Saturday

30 Sunday

31 Monday



The film 'Brief Encounter' commenced filming during World War 2 in January 1945 on Carnforth Station. The production was originally intended to take place at a station in London but the Ministry of War Transport decided Carnforth was far away enough from the capital to be safe from enemy attack.

Carnforth Station had to turn out the filming lights to comply with wartime blackout restrictions. Filming was completed in May 1945 with an interruption on May 8 to celebrate Germany's surrender. The cast and most of the crew were given a day off work to celebrate.



November 2022

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19 Saturday

20 Sunday

21 Monday

22 Tuesday

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24 Thursday

25 Friday

26 Saturday

27 Sunday

28 Monday

29 Tuesday

30 Wednesday



The Kendal and Windermere Railway was first proposed in 1844 and opened in 1847. William Wordsworth (1770-1850) opposed the building of a railway in his beloved Lake District, believing it would destroy the beauty of the landscape. He wrote a poem, on the 'Projected Kendal and Windermere Railway', in opposition to the proposed railway. He also penned a sonnet, using poetry to express his objections. In doing so, he became one of the first high-profile poets to write about the arrival of the railways. Windermere station soon became a bustling hive of activity.



December 2022

1	Thursday
2	Friday
3	Saturday
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5	Monday
6	Tuesday
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9	Friday
10	Saturday
11	Sunday
12	Monday
13	Tuesday
14	Wednesday
15	Thursday
16	Friday

17	Saturday	
18	Sunday	
19	Monday	
20	Tuesday	
21	Wednesday	
22	Thursday	
23	Friday	
24	Saturday	Christmas Eve
25	Sunday	Christmas Day
26	Monday	Boxing Day
27	Tuesday	Bank Holiday
28	Wednesday	
29	Thursday	
30	Friday	
31	Saturday	



January
Carlisle Station



February
Cark Station



March
Kendal Station



April
Harrington Station



May
Dalton Station



June
Burneside Station



July
Ravenglass Station



August
Silverdale Station



September
Staveley Station



October
Seascale Station



November
Carnforth Station



December
Windermere Station

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