



ONWARDS AND UPWARDS for the MUSIC TRAINS!!

This is your 3rd newsletter for this year with an article about the Music Train which ran on the Mid Cheshire Line last week together with details of the next one in June..... so read one.....

The 2nd Music Train of this year running on the **Mid Cheshire Line** was from Altrincham to **The Goshawk** in Mouldsworth on 15 May.

We had another fabulous night with around 50 people joining us to enjoy the music of one of our new bands, **THE WELTONES**. As an adventurous violin and guitar duo, they played an eclectic mix of Take That, The Waterboys, James to a very receptive audience. Michael and Emma are certainly a welcome addition to the music train list of musicians. They can play pretty much anything to any crowd!

The Weltones rewire classic songs with jazzy twists and epic folk-rock ambition. Michael honed his versatile vocals over 23 years touring with a cappella group The Magnets, while Emma's improvisational agility sprinkles stardust on their innovative arrangements. Watch out for them – they are a great addition to our list of musicians!

The Goshawk served us proud by providing people with both their food and drink in plenty of time to catch the return train to Altrincham. This is indeed the first time we have run a train from Altrincham and it seemed to be very well received. So much so, we will definitely be doing it again next year!

As one of our audience said on the night "The food was good, the ale was fine and the band were excellent, even the trains were on time!".

Here are a couple of photos to show you what you missed if you couldn't join us!





And so to the next Music Train in June!

This will be a Music Train of several 'firsts' for us! First time to run from Chester to Altrincham. First time we will be using The Station Hotel. First time in the afternoon. And the first time we will be welcoming a Ukulele band onto the Music Train!.... **LOSTOCK UKES**... from one of our stations on the line, Lostock Gralam. The finer details are as follows

Date	Day	Start	Dep	Destination	Arr	Venue	Dep	Arr
11-Jun	Thu	Chester	1156	Altrincham	1257	The Station Hotel	1436	1537

Lostock Ukes were formed in 2016 and continue to grow in number, confidence and technique. With a varied range of songs in their locker, they can confidently turn their hands, ukes and voices, to many genres. They promise that, not only will the ukuleles bring a smile, but everyone will also enjoy a good old sing-a-long!

They donate all their fees to a local cancer charity, **St Luke's (Cheshire) Hospice**, with total donations of £37600 to date.... Quite an achievement!



The destination is **The Station Hotel** in Altrincham which is a couple of minutes from the railway station, so very accessible. We have a dedicated space available to all those who want to enjoy the music. As well as a fine offering of drink, food is available via the pub – They have an arrangement with a local pizza restaurant who will take your order, and we will sort out delivery to the pub so you can enjoy your food piping hot whilst listening to the band. You can see the menu at www.nellspizza.co.uk/altrincham

Come and join us! Buy your train ticket and hop on the Music Train from any station between Chester and Atrincham.



A brief reminder of how the Music Train works

It's really easy to join us on this entertaining event. You just need to remember a few things.....

- There is ***no charge at all*** to take part – just buy your return train ticket
- If you would like to come along, just drop us an email to musictrains@midcheshirerail.org.uk so we can get an idea of numbers
- There's a cash collection on the way back for the band – put in whatever you want
- Good food and drink is available at all the pubs
- Catch the Music Train from any station at all along the line – or come straight to the pub

And a reminder of the last two dates for this year..... so get them into your diary and join us!

Date	Day	Time	Band Start	Destination	Venue
30-July	Thursday	evening	Chester	Plumley	Golden Pheasant
24-September	Thursday	evening	Altrincham	Mouldsworth	The Goshawk

Are you going to the Cheshire Show???

If so, come and see us at our stand in the **Shoppers Mews**.... Where you can find out a bit more about the Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership and what we do. Look forward to seeing you there!

Why do we do this?

Music Trains are arranged by volunteers on behalf of the Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership to promote the Mid Cheshire Line. We want people to use the line, enjoy the experience and come back again – that's our sole purpose. The train line is for everyone to use, and we actively encourage this. So, we run the Music Trains, we produce booklets of circular walks from every station along the line and advertise many events and activities that take place during the year, and you can take the train to get there.

find out more, you can take a look at

- the Mid Cheshire Line website (www.midcheshirerail.org.uk)
- subscribe to this newsletter for news and more details at musictrains@midcheshirerail.org.uk
- follow **MidCheshire CRP** via social media - Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and X – just look for Mid Cheshire Rail.

HOPEFULLY SEE YOU ON THURSDAY 11 JUNE!