

Thursday 21 August 2008

**Music Train on the Mid-Cheshire line
from Chester and Northwich
to the Railway Inn at Mobberley**



Root Chords, the Chester-based group are playing and singing on the music train and at the pub. The Railway Inn will be serving a special menu for the occasion. No need to book and no charge for the music - just buy a train ticket and catch the 18:56 from Chester to return to Chester at 22:50.

The Music and the Musicians

“Root Chords play blues, country and folk based music from both sides of the Atlantic on acoustic instruments but with the power and drive of rock. That’s why we’re called the acoustic rock n roll band.”

“We play the music we enjoy and we share our enjoyment with our audiences - in pubs, clubs, festivals and social events. Because we love to play live we’re a hard working band and play frequently in Cheshire, North Wales and the Midlands area as well as in France and Holland. We are in the seventh year of a weekly residency at Alexander’s in Chester and clock up another fifty gigs besides this each year.”

The Pub

The Railway Inn is a traditional country inn, located in the heart of some beautiful countryside and close to the station. It is a rural village pub serving traditional bar food alongside some great homemade dishes at lunchtime and in the evenings on weekdays and all day at weekends. The normal menu is extensive and runs alongside a fantastic selection of regularly changing blackboard specials (which use the best of what's in season) to choose from. They will serve a special Music Train menu on the night.

http://www.onionring.co.uk/restaurants/restaurant_info.asp?RID=2256

The Train

The Mid-Cheshire line passes through beautiful, scenic countryside and historic towns, linking Chester and Manchester. It is a vital route for commuting to work but also has many opportunities for leisure journeys for shopping, outdoor pursuits and cultural activities.

The music train uses one of its regular hourly services which stops at all stations on the line. It is arranged by the Mid-Cheshire Community Rail Partnership. <http://www.midcheshirerail.org.uk>

How it works

The band plays on the train from Chester – it takes over a carriage. At Mobberley everyone alights to visit The Railway Inn for drinks and good food – and there is a further session from the band. The pub is fully accessible and there is level access from the station platform.

There is no charge for the event - just the price of your ordinary train ticket. Your 'admission' is the train fare. Other than drinks and food, there is nothing else to pay. On the return journey there will be a collection on the train for the musicians.

Train times and tickets

Train times from Chester to Mobberley: Chester 18:56, Mouldsworth 19:07 Delamere 19:12*, Cuddington 19:16, Greenbank 19:21, Northwich 19:26, Lostock Gralam 19:29, Plumley 19:32, Knutsford 19:37, Mobberley 19:41* (*request stop)

Train times from Mobberley to Chester: Mobberley 22:00*, Knutsford 22:04, Plumley 22:08, Lostock Gralam 22:12, Northwich 22:17, Greenbank 22:22, Cuddington 22:27, Delamere 22:31*, Mouldsworth 22:36, Chester 22:52 (*request stop)

Buy your ticket from Chester at the station: Cheap Day Return £10.60; Northern Duo (two people travelling together) £7.95 each; with Railcard £7.00.

At other stations just board the train and buy your ticket from the conductor. Example fares – from Northwich: Cheap day return £4.30; Northern Duo (two people travelling together) £3.20 each; with Railcard £2.85.

If you are travelling from the Manchester direction to join us at the Railway Inn the train times are

Outward: Manchester Piccadilly 19:24, Stockport 19:34, Navigation Road 19:49, Altrincham 19:51, Hale 19:54, Ashley 19:57, Mobberley 20:00**

Return: Mobberley 21:44, Ashley 21:48*, Hale 21:21:48, Altrincham 21:51, Navigation Road 21:58, Stockport 22:12, Manchester Piccadilly 22:26 (*request stop)*

The Mid Cheshire Railway Line is operated by Northern Rail and provides rail links to the national rail network at Manchester, Chester and Stockport and with the Metrolink Tram network at Altrincham. www.northernrail.org

Next music train in September – from Manchester

Wednesday 24 September from Manchester to the Golden Pheasant at Plumley with Geoff Higginbottom. Singer and multi-instrumentalist, Geoff Higginbottom plays six-string and 12-string guitars, Appalachian dulcimer and bodhran. www.geoffhigginbottom.co.uk

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