

The Wensleydale Railway and The Deltic Preservation Society announce Driver Experience Packages

The Deltic Preservation Society is bringing Deltic – “Royal Highland Fusilier” to the Wensleydale Railway in April 2011 and the locomotive will be staying until late September 2011.

As part of the visit The Wensleydale Railway is pleased to be able to offer a selection of Driver Experience packages. The round trip is 32 miles.

Bronze Package

- All day ticket for the driver
- Reduced rate tickets for family and friends attending – so great for a birthday or anniversary present
- One round trip from Leeming Bar to Redmire sharing the controls with one other participant
- Lunch for the driver at a local pub – so family and friends can join in
- Tour of the facilities at Leeming Bar
- Host available to answer any questions and to provide a tour
- Available on a number of Saturdays and Sundays
- Cost £310

Silver Package

- All day ticket for the driver
- Reduced rate tickets for family and friends attending
- One round trip from Leeming Bar to Redmire
- Lunch for the driver at a local pub – so family and friends can join in
- Tour of the facilities at Leeming Bar
- Host available to answer any questions and to provide a tour
- Available generally midweek but enquire
- Cost £550

Gold Package

- All day ticket for the driver
- Reduced rate tickets for family and friends attending
- Two round trips from Leeming Bar to Redmire
- Lunch for the driver at a local pub – so family and friends can join in
- Tour of the facilities at Leeming Bar
- Host available to answer any questions and to provide a tour
- Available midweek
- It is possible to share the driving with up to 3 friends or family members
- Cost £950

Peter Kennan of The Deltic Preservation Society comments: “We are excited to bring a Deltic to the Wensleydale Railway. The line is just a short distance from Northallerton through which Deltics were seen on their way from London to Edinburgh during their British Rail careers from 1961 to 1982. As the first 100mph main line diesels, no-one who saw a Deltic will forget the sight of the locomotive in full cry with 3300hp of raw power from its two Napier engines. We are even more excited to be able to offer some driver experience packages so that it is possible to drive “Royal Highland Fusilier” from Leeming Bar to Redmire – a round trip of 32 miles.”

Nick Wood, General Manager of The Wensleydale Railway comments: “We are looking forward to an exciting summer in 2011 and are pleased to be able to welcome The Deltic Preservation Society for a visit. It will be fantastic to watch “Royal Highland Fusilier” tackle some of the steep gradients through Wensleydale and we are particularly pleased that we can offer the general public the chance to take the controls.”

To book a Driver Experience Package please call Nigel Park on 07857 980959 or Nick Wood on 07834 476074, write to Wensleydale Railway plc, Leeming Bar Station, Leases Road, Leeming Bar, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL7 9AR, call in at Leeming Bar station or e-mail info@wensleydalerrailway.com.