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Harrogate Line Supporters Group – Bulletin No 32

FIRST NEW TRAINS

The first of the new full size Azuma Trains are scheduled to run from and to Harrogate this Sunday 15th December as follows:

- Dep. 09.15 Harrogate-Kings Cross dep. 09.15 – arr. 12.33
- Dep. 11.15 Harrogate-Kings Cross dep. 11.15 – arr. 14.23
- Arr. 11.56 Kings Cross-Harrogate dep. 09.03 – arr. 11.56

Please let me know if you are willing and able to welcome these new trains to and from Harrogate on Sunday morning and I will seek permission for our group to go on the platform at Harrogate Station.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

Further media coverage of the new AZUMA trains between Harrogate and London Kings Cross is as follows:

7. Harrogate Informer – Tuesday 03/12/19 *“New Azuma trains a “game-changer” for Harrogate”*

<https://www.harrogate-news.co.uk/2019/12/03/new-azuma-trains-a-game-changer-for-harrogate/>

8. Harrogate Advertiser – Friday 06/12/19 *“Rail revolution is 'historic moment' for Harrogate It's the day many thought would never come for Harrogate.”*

<https://www.harrogateadvertiser.co.uk/business/rail-revolution-historic-moment-harrogate-1334276>

9. Harrogate Advertiser – Friday 06/12/19 *“What does Harrogate say about new Azuma trains and extra London services”*

<https://www.harrogateadvertiser.co.uk/business/what-does-harrogate-say-about-new-azuma-trains-and-extra-london-services-1334904>

Many thanks to all those members of the Group who have already sent messages of appreciation and support for these new trains.

Brian L Dunsby OBE, Harrogate Line Supporters Group

From: Brian Dunsby - Harrogate Line [<mailto:brian.dunsby@harrogateline.org>]
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Subject: Harrogate Line - AZUMA Launch + Media Coverage

Harrogate Line Supporters Group

For those who were not able to join us to welcome the launch of Azuma Trains from Harrogate, herewith the resulting media coverage found to date:

1. Harrogate Advertiser 05/12/19 – Front cover story “A rail revolution” + page 4 “New era for passengers”.
2. Yorkshire Post 04/12/19 - Regional News page 12 “Town gets on track for a new era in rail links with London”
3. Twitter LNER News 03/12/19 - Earlier today we ran a special [#Azuma](#) preview service from Harrogate: <https://twitter.com/LNER/status/1201962153017778176?s=20>
4. Stray FM 03/12/19 – Harrogate’s to get Azuma Trains - <https://www.strayfm.com/news/local-news/3000818/harrogates-to-get-azuma-trains/>
5. Harrogate Advertiser – web page 03/12/19: <https://www.harrogateadvertiser.co.uk/business/new-azuma-trains-harrogate-game-changer-town-1330749>
6. Yorkshire Post - web page 03/12/19 - <https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/business/new-azuma-trains-in-harrogate-a-game-changer-for-town-1-10134346>

Please send me details of any other media coverage that you find. My personal speech is also attached for information.

My personal message of thanks to the LNER Team lead by David Horner follows together with his reply.

Thanks also to all members of the Harrogate Line Supporters Group for their long-standing patient support!

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REPLY FROM DAVID HORNE MD, LNER

Brian

Thank you very much for supporting us not only this morning but on our journey to reach this point!

It was our pleasure to share this moment with you today, after the many years of work and effort you have personally put in.

We really appreciate the advice and help which you have given us in preparing for today’s event, and we’re looking forward to the launch of the services in a few days’ time!

Perhaps in the New Year we can arrange a cab ride for you.

Best wishes

David



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David, Suzanne & Kate

Congratulations and many thanks to you and your large team for a very successful launch event in Harrogate today.

The whole event went like clockwork – with AZUMA arriving early at each end of the journey!

The food and drink arrangements at each Station and on board were excellent.

The media coverage seemed massive, so I hope that you achieve what you expect. My speech is attached in case anyone asks for a copy!

Sincere thanks to you and your team for all the effort put into bringing to reality our long-standing vision of frequent trains direct between Harrogate and London Kings Cross. I just hope that the service starts OK on Sunday 15th December.

Best wishes for continued success for LNER on the ECML.

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