

SETTLE-CARLISLE
RAILWAY LINE
**THE REAL JERICHO
EXPERIENCE
TOUR 2018**

Starting from
RIBBLEHEAD STATION



A painting by Alan Fernley - courtesy of David Joy

Free guided tours to take place on
Thursday 31st May, Thursday 28th June,
Thursday 19th July and Thursday 30th August 2018

The opportunity for a history-packed visit to the world famous Ribbleshead Viaduct as featured in the ITV drama series plus a visit to meet Ruswarp, 'the dog that saved the line' at Garsdale Station.



THE REAL JERICHO EXPERIENCE TOUR

The guided Jericho Tours start and finish at Ribbleshead Station. The Tours connect with the 10.49 train from Leeds, arriving at Ribbleshead Station at 12.07.
Car Parking is available.

Meet at the Visitor Centre at Ribbleshead Station where the guides will give talks and have informal discussions about the Shanty Towns and the surrounding area. In the Visitor Centre there are pottery pieces and other artefacts found in the Shanty Town area.

Also, Interpretation boards showing the history of the navvies and how they lived and worked in such a harsh area. After the talk the group will then walk to the Ribbleshead Viaduct along a stony track. The guide will point out areas where the Shanty Towns existed.

On return to the Visitor Centre we catch the 14.34 train to Garsdale Station (fare payable). On the journey, the guide will point out various sites of interest.

At Garsdale Station there will be a tour looking at the Bronze Statue of Ruswarp the only dog that signed the petition against closure, by putting his paw mark on the form.

The return journey back to Ribbleshead will be from the 15.59 train from Garsdale, arriving Ribbleshead 16.14 (Leeds 17.38).

The Tour is *free of charge*. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks can be obtained from the Visitor Centre Café. Strong footwear is advisable together with waterproofs. The walks are not suitable for people with limited mobility.
All dogs must be on a lead.

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NAVVIES - who were they?

It is generally accepted that navvies originated with canal construction - i.e. Navigators. The Settle-Carlisle Railway was in a sparsely populated region so recruitment from more distant parts of the country was made.

Navvies dress was flamboyant but became dowdier as time went on. In the early railway days, a navvy would wear a scarlet waistcoat, glowing neckerchief, velveteen coat, white felt hat, breeches buttoned at knees, and high laced boots.



By the 20th century they wore the knee breeches with thick blue stockings, moleskin waistcoats, blue, white spotted neckerchiefs.

Food to a navvy was Tommy. He carried it to work in a tommy handkerchief, generally red with white spots. Shanty Towns often had their own bakeries, breweries and grocers. Ale and beer was drunk as well as whisky and gin when it could be afforded.

There were several clusters of huts, which developed as Shanty Towns such as - Jericho, Sebastopol and Jerusalem.