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**Celebrity trio showcase**

**iconic attraction on primetime TV**

Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway will take centre stage on national TV for the second time in three weeks when it features in Channel 5’s Big Steam Adventure this Friday 3 May.

**Presented by** actor and former Doctor Who Peter Davison, TV news stalwart John Sergeant and steam train expert Paul ‘Piglet’ Middleton, the Big Steam Adventure sees the trio getting around using only the power of steam.

**After their epic trip from London to Scotland on The Big Steam Adventure in 2023, they are back** for a second series – starting with the Lake District.

The presenters headed to Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway last year to film for the programme, with all three presenters enjoying a trip along the iconic seven mile route from the only coastal village in the English Lake District World Heritage into the mountains en-route to Dalegarth Station. Along the way they found out more about the heritage of England’s first public narrow gauge railway.

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Stuart Ross, General Manager (Visitor Experience), Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway, says: *“It was fantastic to welcome Peter, John and Paul to the railway as part of their Big Steam Adventure. We hope people will tune in as all three experience the history of the railway and its stunning surroundings.”*

**The programme comes less then three weeks after** Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway also featured on BBC Countryfile, with a film crew exploring the station at Ravenglass and taking a sneak peek behind the scenes to see how the engines work.

**The Big Steam Adventure on Channel 5 starts at 8pm on Friday 3 May.**

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