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WELCOME to West Lincs Letter No.30



The first weekend in August is always a big one in the West Lincs calendar, when we hold our two-day Summer Steam Gala. And a busy time it was, with lots of visitors enjoying our steam trains and other attractions, in some very summer-like weather.



Our classic gala image. Visiting loco *Stanhope* steams into Beconsall with a full train of visitors.



And as hinted in Newsletter No 29, *Montalban* is back. Not quite finished, but during the Gala the loco ran double- and triple-headed trains with *Stanhope* and *Irish Mail*. Photo: Joey Evans



Time for a little relaxation during a busy weekend. Keith opts for a sit-down with a can of Coke, while Anne prefers something a little more energetic to take the stress away.



A gala is a good opportunity to update our group photo, showing most of the volunteers who put in a long shift to look after our many visitors.

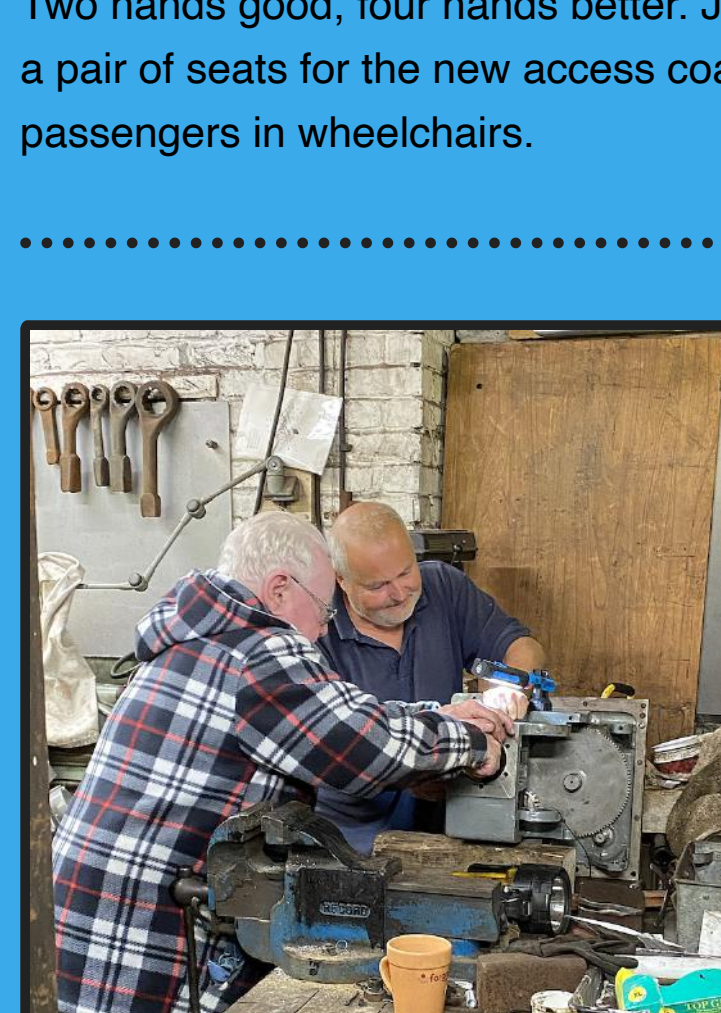
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Farewell to an old friend. Mike gives *Stanhope* a clean and polish before the loco heads back to Apedale. *Stanhope* has served us well over the last few months, and is always a favourite with the engine crews.



Two hands good, four hands better. Jeff and Barry combine to assemble one of a pair of seats for the new access coach. They will tip up to make space for passengers in wheelchairs.



More multi-handed co-operation. Colin and Gordon grapple with the innards of the milling machine's gearbox. And to the surprise of everyone bar themselves, it all went back in, nothing was left over and the fault was cured.



The painting never stops. James coats Tawd's buffers whilst Jackie preps the woodwork of the generator van.



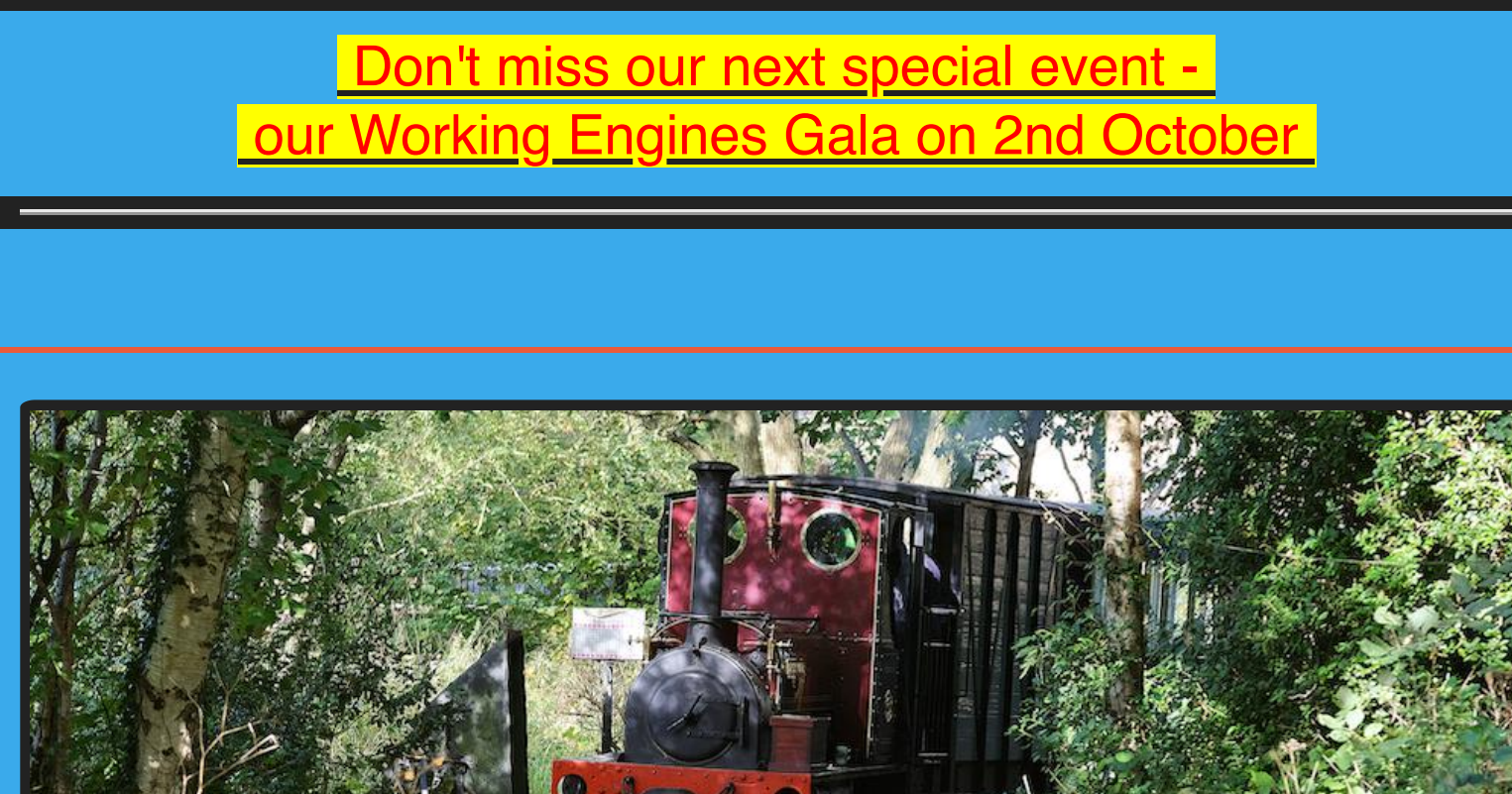
An unusual view of a very familiar locomotive. Kerr-Stuart *Joffre* with its cab removed in preparation for its ten-year boiler inspection.



After the cab, the boiler. Simon and Gordon (hidden behind the firebox) work on *Joffre's* internals, overseen by a gaggle of fruity, scary and friendly faces.



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