

THE WEST LANCS LETTER



The Newsletter of the West Lancashire Light Railway



WELCOME to West Lincs Letter No.14!

We're back! The Railway is running again, with social distancing, enhanced train cleaning and other Covid-19 precautions to ensure a safe, enjoyable day out.

It's great to see some familiar faces and many new ones amongst our visitors, and the feedback suggests they're glad to be able to take a steam train ride again!

We're running trains every Sunday up to (and including) 1st November, from 11.30 to 4.30pm. It's a roughly half-hour service, to allow time for sanitising the coaches between each trip.



Santa Specials!

More good news is that we will be running Santa Specials again this December. The dates are the 6th, 12th/13th and 19th/20th - NOT as in the previous version of this newsletter!

There are a few changes to comply with Covid-19 guidelines - one is that we are selling tickets for whole compartments on the train rather than for individuals. Booking starts from 9am on October 10th - look out for the link on our [website](#). Don't delay, we expect a sell-out!



We've been busy during the enforced shutdown, creating a brand-new tearoom! Home-made cakes, cream teas and hot drinks are now available on running days at our new cafe 'The Waiting Room'. Give it a try!



Model railways are now a permanent feature! This little train goes back and forth along the tea-room wall. John Simm made the back-scene.



The finishing touch to the tearoom. Alan and Barry install a nameplate, one of two made by Alan using hand-cut wooden letters to form a silicone mould, the finished articles being cast in resin. They went with *Irish Mail* to the Liangollen Railway's 'Steel, Steam & Stars' event in 2009.



Richard and Mike taking no prisoners with some energetic trackwork. Plenty of shovels to choose from as well.



Autumnal sunlight at Delph, with Adrian putting his back into changing the points, watched from Joffre's footplate by Simon wearing a face-covering Dick Turpin would be proud of.



And finally, Little and Large at Steel, Steam & Stars. Above, *Irish Mail* runs on our portable track alongside standard-gauge *Dukeog* from the Bluebell Railway. Below, the size contrast is with *Morayshire* from the Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway.

