



THE WEST LANCS LETTER

The Newsletter of the West Lancashire Light Railway



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WELCOME to West Lancs Letter No.29 !



Our summer events are now in full swing, starting with our ever-popular Strawberries and Steam event, featuring a return visit by the South Ribbleside Concert Band.



The event also saw a significant day in the life of battery-electric vehicle No.52, which was formally handed over to the Railway by Bob Adam and Alan Frodsham, after an extensive restoration programme. David Geering accepted the loco on behalf of the Railway. It will be used as the works shunter around Becconsall yard.



[More Strawberries & Steam photos](#)



Next in line was our Princess and Pirates day, held this year for only the second time but already firmly established on our event calendar. As well as many beautiful princesses and all-too-many unruly pirates, visitors enjoyed magic shows, traditional fairground rides and games, delicious teas and cakes, and unlimited train rides behind Irish Mail and Stanhope. Perfect summer weather too!



[More Princesses & Pirates photos](#)



A study in concentration. Beekeeper Greg came to our rescue when a swarm of bees came to visit us just as we were preparing for Princesses and Pirates. As well as expertly collecting all the bees he gave us the opportunity to name the queen. So look out for Sybil Honey, named after our Quarry Bagnall locomotive!



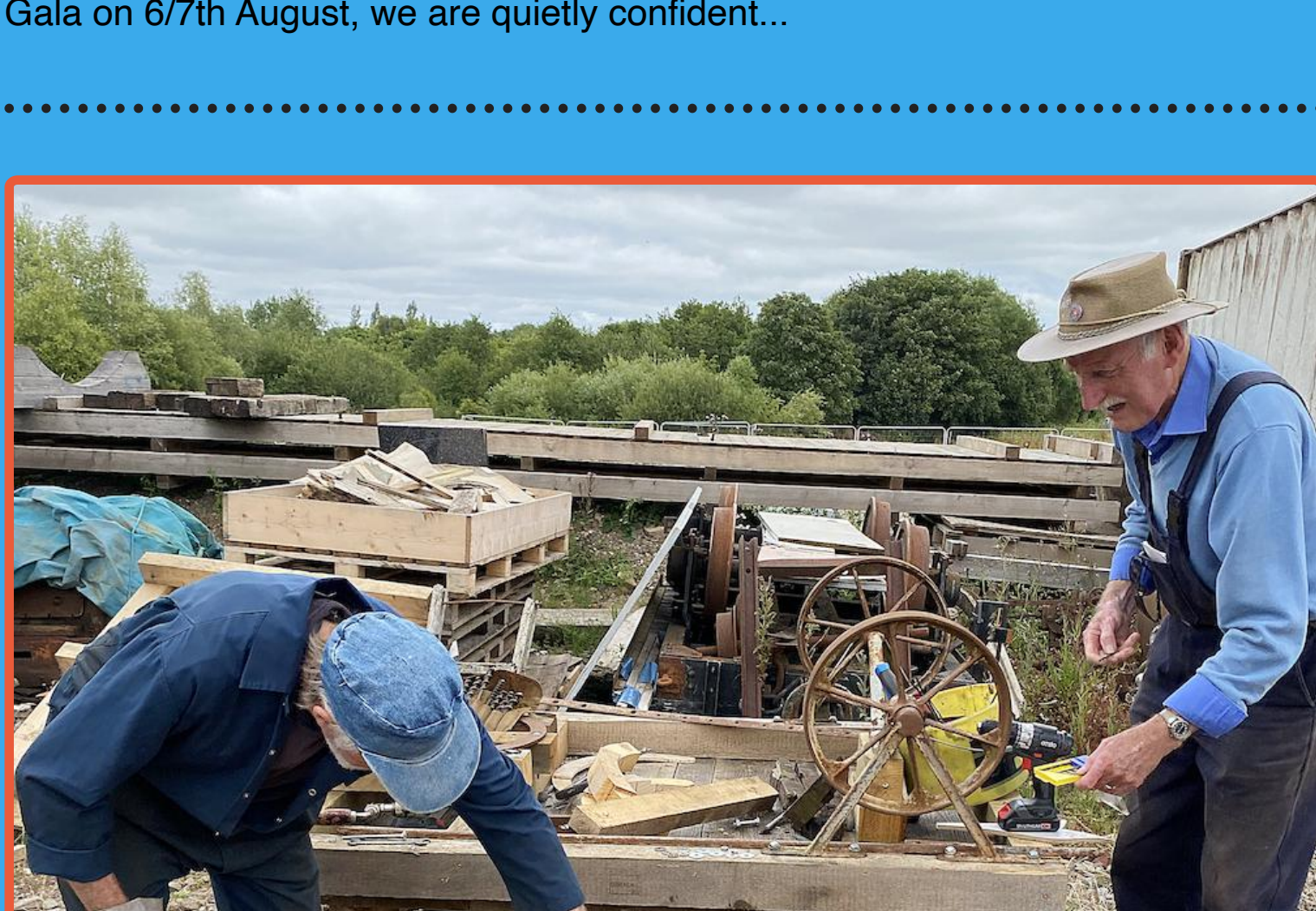
Our schools visits continue apace, and are much appreciated by the pupils, as can be seen from this artwork received from Tarleton Community Primary. That's them at the top of this newsletter!



Another milestone in the building of the ash pit. Paul has the honour of laying the first brick. No glamorous assistant, unfortunately.



And talking of milestones, Montalban goes hot! The loco prepares to move under its own steam after an extensive refit. Regarding appearance at the Summer Gala on 6/7th August, we are quietly confident...

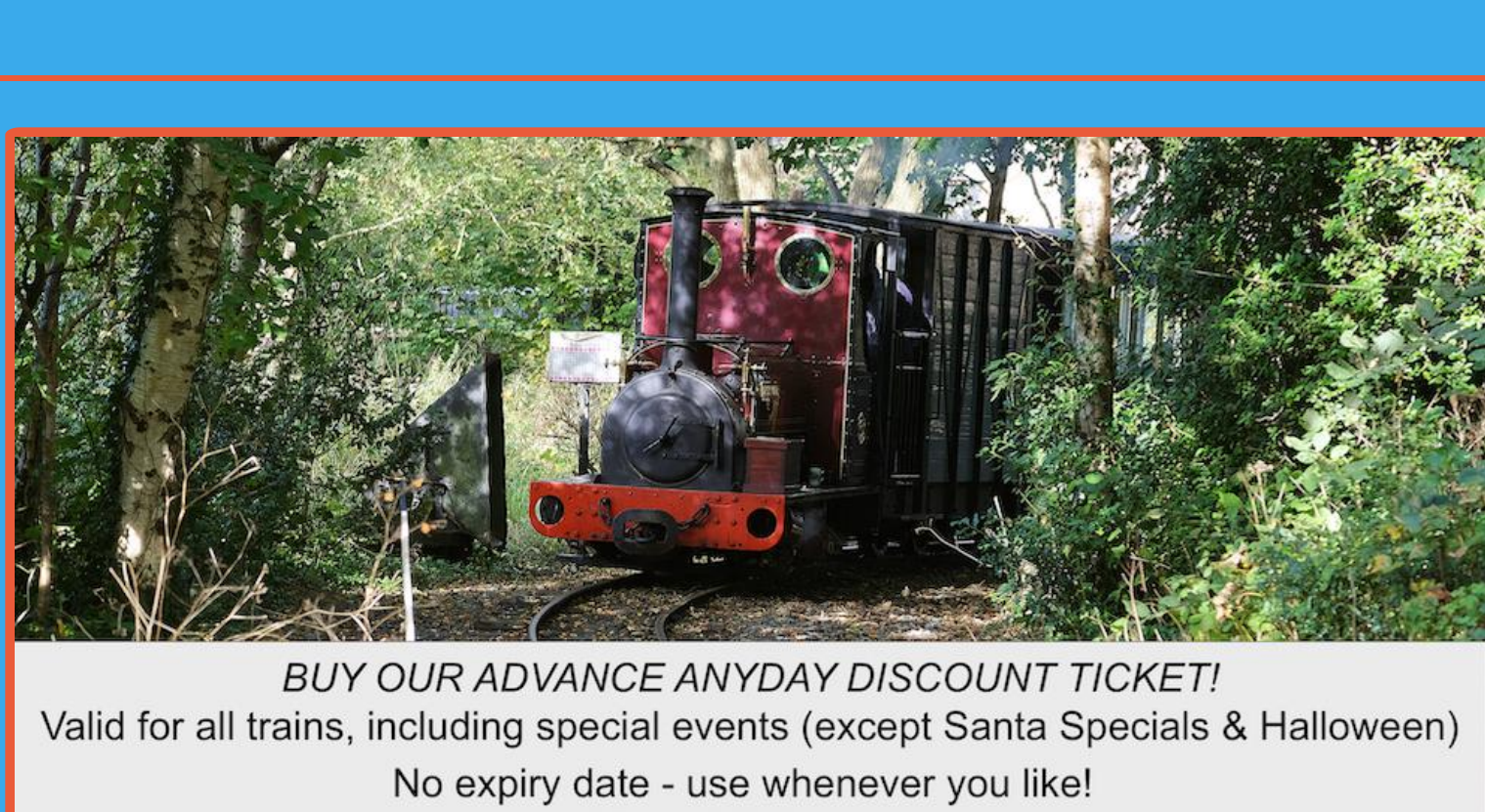


You could be forgiven for thinking a couple of veteran Amish workers have joined us for some repairs to ageing farm equipment. The truth is more prosaic - it's our very own Richard and Barry renovating an old platform trolley.



And finally, from August 2008, Quarry Hunslet Jack Lane, still with steam pressure in the boiler, is winched onto the transporter for the journey back to Statfold Barn. The loco was a newbuild, having been completed only in 2006, so we were very fortunate to secure its loan for our Steam Gala.

Don't miss our next special event - our Summer Gala on 6/7th August!



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