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A very happy Christmas to
all our readers!





SANTA SPECIALS - 1



An expectant crowd awaits the departure of the train to see Santa.



When the carols play on the mobile organ, you're never too young to dance with your big sister!



"How can I change the point if you park it there?"
A little local difficulty at Delph.



A low sun adds some drama to the filling of *Montalban's* water tanks.



An Elf on the footplate,
always a portent of trouble...





SANTA SPECIALS - 2



Everybody wants their photo taken with Santa - our Elves are getting quite good at it now.



Paul the Magician entertains a rapt audience.

All set for departure - Sybil and our rake of three carriages make a fine sight.



On the home stretch - the blockman receives the token from Sybil's driver



Our happy passengers return from the trip to Santa's Toyland.





SITE WORKS - 1



Irish Mail's new boiler barrel has arrived, and an appropriate mode of transport gets it moved into the workshop



Gordon works on incorporating the barrel to make a fully-functioning boiler.



The model railway shed nears completion, with the addition of some well-weathered insulation from down the line.



Your editor installs shelving in the shed, already fearing it's not big enough.

Photo: Alan Frodsham



Our very own Renoir and Rembrandt restore an original Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway trespass sign





SITE WORKS - 2



The big lift! John Johnson's HIAB crane makes light work of relocating one of our containers.



A hired road-roller rolls several lorry-loads of black stone into new hard-standing.



More crane work, this time a wood delivery, making good use of the new surfacing.



A low-tech solution to wheel squeal - water sprays!



Mike seems well satisfied with the trial, now to make it permanent.





LATE-SEASON STEAMING - 1



Gary makes imaginative use of Sybil's firebox. Son Liam looks on in expectation.



Pudsey Bear in relaxed mood at our annual Children in Need charity day.

Photo: Alan Frodsham



Halloween brings out the worst in people, but in a nice way...

Photos: Andy Biggs





DON'T MISS IT!

Santa returns to West Lancs!



West Lancashire Light Railway

Santa Special's

Saturday 13th, 20th

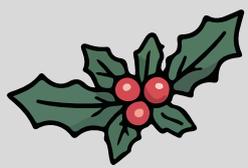
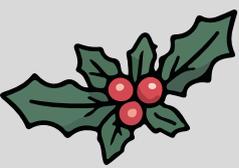
Monday 7th, 14th & 21st

A few tickets
still available!



Your ticket includes a 25-minute heritage steam train return journey to see Father Christmas, his Elves and Santa's Christmas magic show. All Children receive a quality gift from Father Christmas and goody bag. Adults receive Free mince pies and Christmas Mulled wine or non alcoholic Christmas fruit punch or Hot drink. Each train has Wheelchair availability.

[Book online here](#)





AND FINALLY...



A major milestone for the Railway, the first breaking of ground for our new *Y Caban* multi-purpose building. It's just a soil survey so far, but it's a start of a new chapter in what we can offer to both visitors and volunteers in 2026.

Thank you for your support in 2025!

See you next year!



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