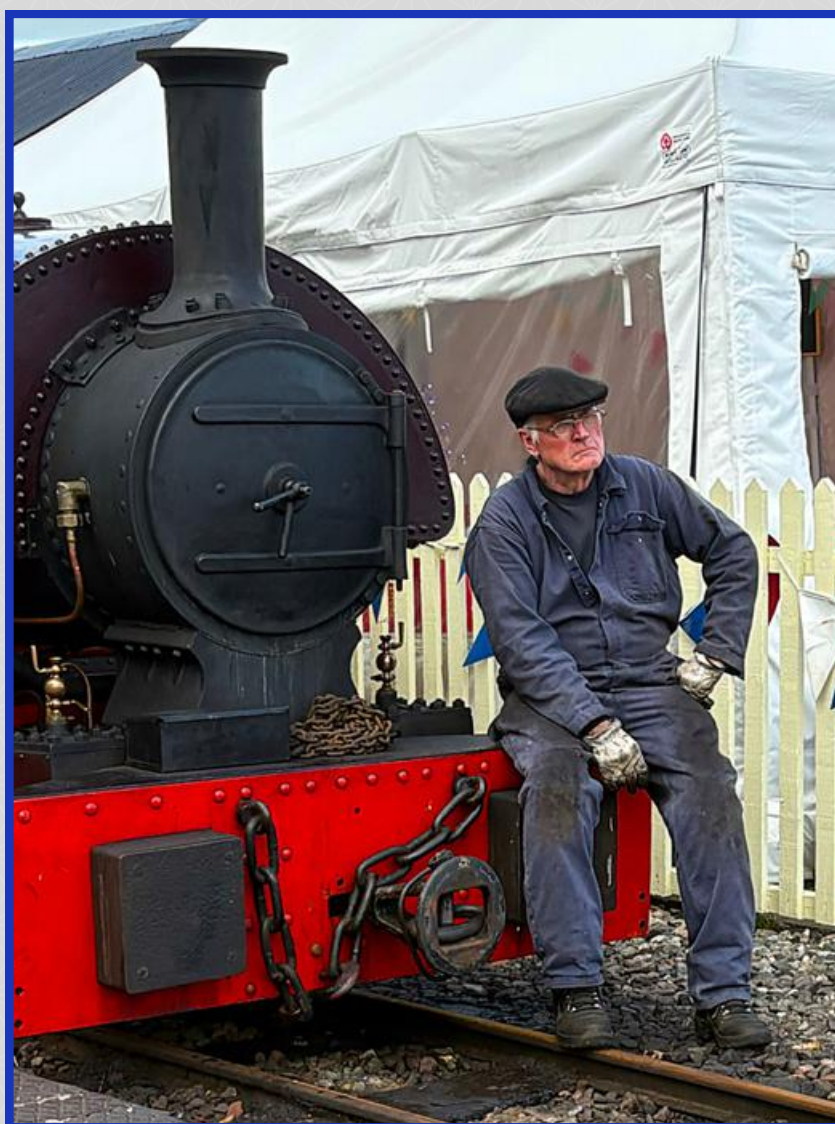




THE WEST LANCS LETTER

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Welcome to West Lancs Letter No.51!

THE WORKING ENGINES GALA



Our diesels, petrols and electrics get their turn in the limelight. After a good clean, of course.

Alan prepares his 1946 Lister petrol-engined locomotive.



A well-earned rest after all that loco marshalling.



Charlie arms the (dummy) munitions in the ex-RAF Fauld Hudson bomb wagon.



The essential safety brief.



Montalban showing steam engines can do their bit on Working Engines Day.



Jeff takes time out from the woodwork shop to add Hunslet driving to his skill set.



Did I put the handbrake on? Andy takes a moment to be sure.



A young visitor shows Mike how to drive *Tawd*, one of the first locos to arrive at West Lancs.



Paul demonstrates how to combine essential supervision with relaxation



Too many to count - 1



Too many to count - 2

PUMPKIN SUNDAY



The precursor to Halloween is always a popular event, with visitors taking the train to Delph, where each child can choose a pumpkin.



Guessing the weight of the pumpkin had adults and children alike thinking hard.



Choosing one's pumpkin is a task not undertaken lightly!

ANFIELD RD SCHOOL VISIT



Each year at about this time we have a visit of pupils from Anfield Road Primary School in Liverpool. And not just a class - a whole year, more than 80 children!



Barry explains our early beginnings and how we developed the Railway.



David takes questions from an attentive audience.



Mike entertains and educates from the turntable pit, specialist subject 'Sybil'.



Montalban was the star of the show, with steam engines a new experience for most of our visitors.



Recycling is a national sport nowadays, and Clive and John do their bit with some energetic modification of three old waste bins.



Add some nifty woodwork and the result is a non-lethal representation of loads carried by our military wagons.



Mike and Arthur were specially chosen to fit in a tight corner, adding a waterproof membrane to the model railway shed.



Paul demonstrates prowess with hawk and trowel, topping-off the walls for the new ash pit.



Children's parties are regular events at West Lincs, with much cake being eaten.



A neighbour tried to upstage us, booking the Pamper Bus for their party. But we have steam trains!



Why so cheerful? Manhandling lumps of old steel out of a container was never meant to be this much fun.



Some of the smaller items being relocated. We may not know what they're for, but they have to be kept, just in case.



Thanks to a grant from the Lancashire Environmental Fund we have obtained solar panels for the new workshop roof.



The panels installed and working, making a significant contribution to our energy supply.

DON'T MISS IT - 1!

Our spooky Halloween event is on
October 31st!



The poster features a large, glowing orange full moon in the center. To the left of the moon is a black silhouette of an owl with large yellow eyes. In the bottom left corner, there is a circular inset showing a steam locomotive with a green face and a black hat. The background is dark purple with silhouettes of bats and falling leaves. The text is in various fonts and colors, including yellow, white, and blue.

 West Lancashire Light Railway
Hesketh Bank ~ PR4 6SP

Halloween Specials ~ Not so scary
31st October 2025 5.00pm, 5.30pm,
6.00pm & 6.30pm

Hot Food and
Drinks available.
Please wear
clothing suitable
for an outdoor
event.

[Book online here](http://www.westlancsrailway.org)

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The image on the front page shows Sybil's fireman
Peter waiting patiently for the next turn of duty.

DON'T MISS IT - 2!

Santa returns to West Lancs!



West Lancashire Light Railway

Santa Special's

Saturday 13th, 20th

Sunday 7th 14th & 21st



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](#)

BUY OUR ADVANCE ANYDAY TICKET!



Advance tickets have no expiry date - use whenever you like!

Click [here](#) for our advance standard day tickets

They are not valid for Halloween or Santa Specials.

With the 2025 season underway we need more volunteers to run our trains and help to maintain and improve our facilities.

If you would like know more, visit our website [here](#) or contact Mike Spall at chair@westlancsrailway.org.



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