

# THE WEST LANC'S LETTER



The Newsletter of the West Lancashire Light Railway

## WELCOME to West Lancs Letter No.22!



TWO special events to report on this time. First up was our Teddy Bears Day, held over from earlier in the year due to the pandemic. Fortunately our teddies were very understanding about the delay, and put on a good show for our many visitors. More photos are [here](#).



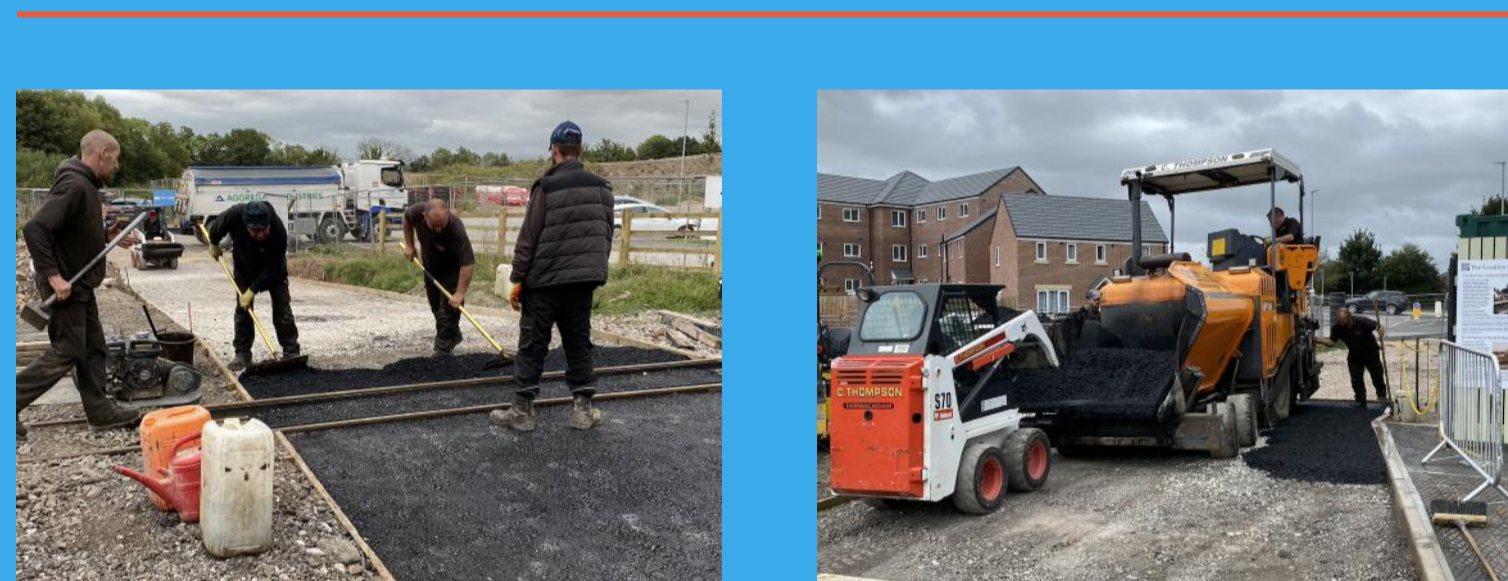
The cafe was well patronised throughout the day. A lot of hard work has gone into developing and operating the cafe and the burger van this year, and it has paid off handsomely. Well done to all those involved!



Our second event was the Working Engines Gala, showcasing our diesel, petrol and electric locos, veterans of many years of working in a wide variety of industrial enterprises. In all, eleven locomotives were out on the line at various times, running both passenger and freight trains. And there was steam as well!



Despite the variable weather, a good turnout of visitors enjoyed the train rides, the heritage children's fairground and the model railway and Meccano displays. Drive-a-diesel featured some very young drivers! Some more pictures and video are [here](#).



Some more home improvements. Local firm C Thompson Tarmacadam did a fine job of surfacing our access pathway recently. The work was funded by the Government's Cultural Recovery Fund for Heritage.



Good preparation is the key, so we are told. Here our volunteers get stuck in, first to prepare the foundations for the tarmac, and then to install conduits for our telecoms upgrade.



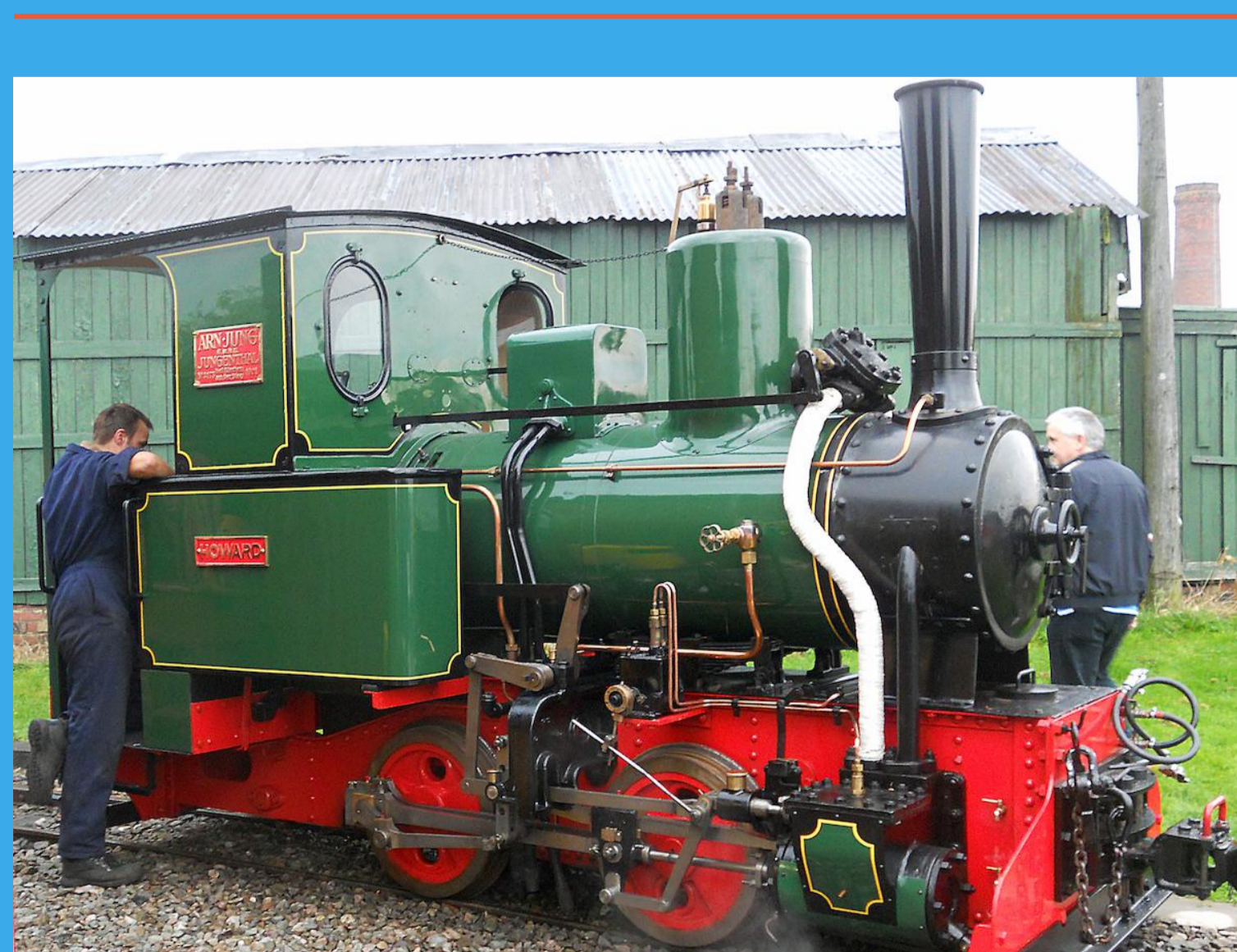
More progress on the access coach. Our two patternmakers install the opening windows in their frames, whilst Barry applies a delicate brush to the woodwork. Removing the tape from the fixed windows was a little more difficult...



Every Thursday members of Preston Day Services come and help with some much-needed gardening and vegetation control. Always good to see them, a cheerful and hard-working group!



And still on a gardening theme, two examples of home-grown flora have appeared, without human intervention, as far as we know!



And finally, from our Autumn Gala Of 2011, an image of Jungenthal 0-4-0WT No.3175 of 1921 'Howard', on loan from Statfold Barn. Graham Townsend is the wannabe driver.

PS - if you would like to see Santa at the Railway book [here](#) now - tickets are going fast!  
Tickets for Halloween on Sunday 31st October are also available - book [here](#).  
And don't forget your pumpkins, one free with every child's ticket for the Pumpkin Express on Sunday 24th October - pay on the day or book discounted tickets [here](#).

