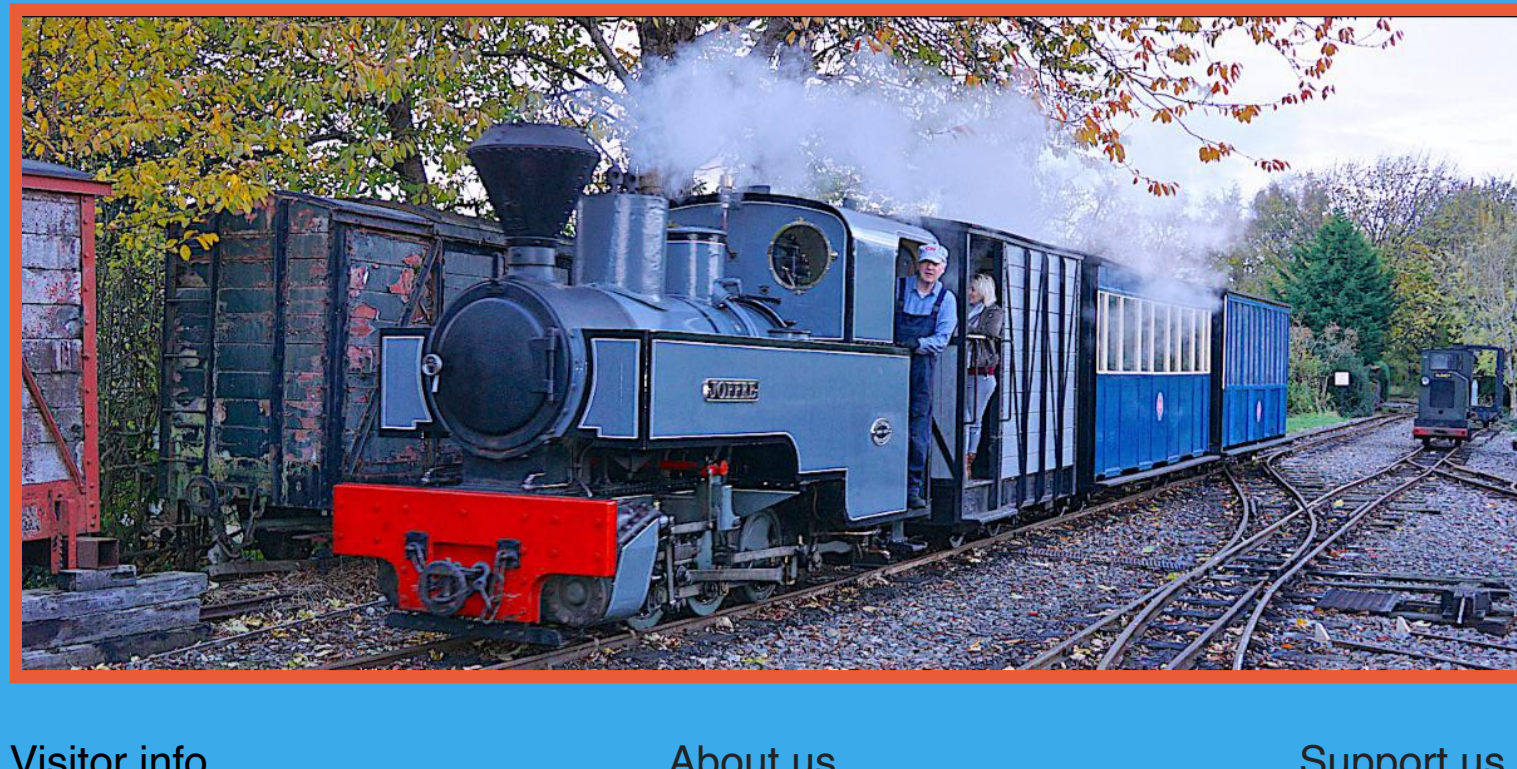




# THE WEST LANCS LETTER

The Newsletter of the West Lancashire Light Railway



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## WELCOME to West Lincs Letter No.24 !

November was notable for school visits, with no less than four in three days. Education is a key aim in the Railway's Articles, so it was good to see this happening in practice. We were impressed by the enthusiasm shown by the children, many of who had never been on a steam train before.

First to arrive was All Saints of Hesketh Bank:



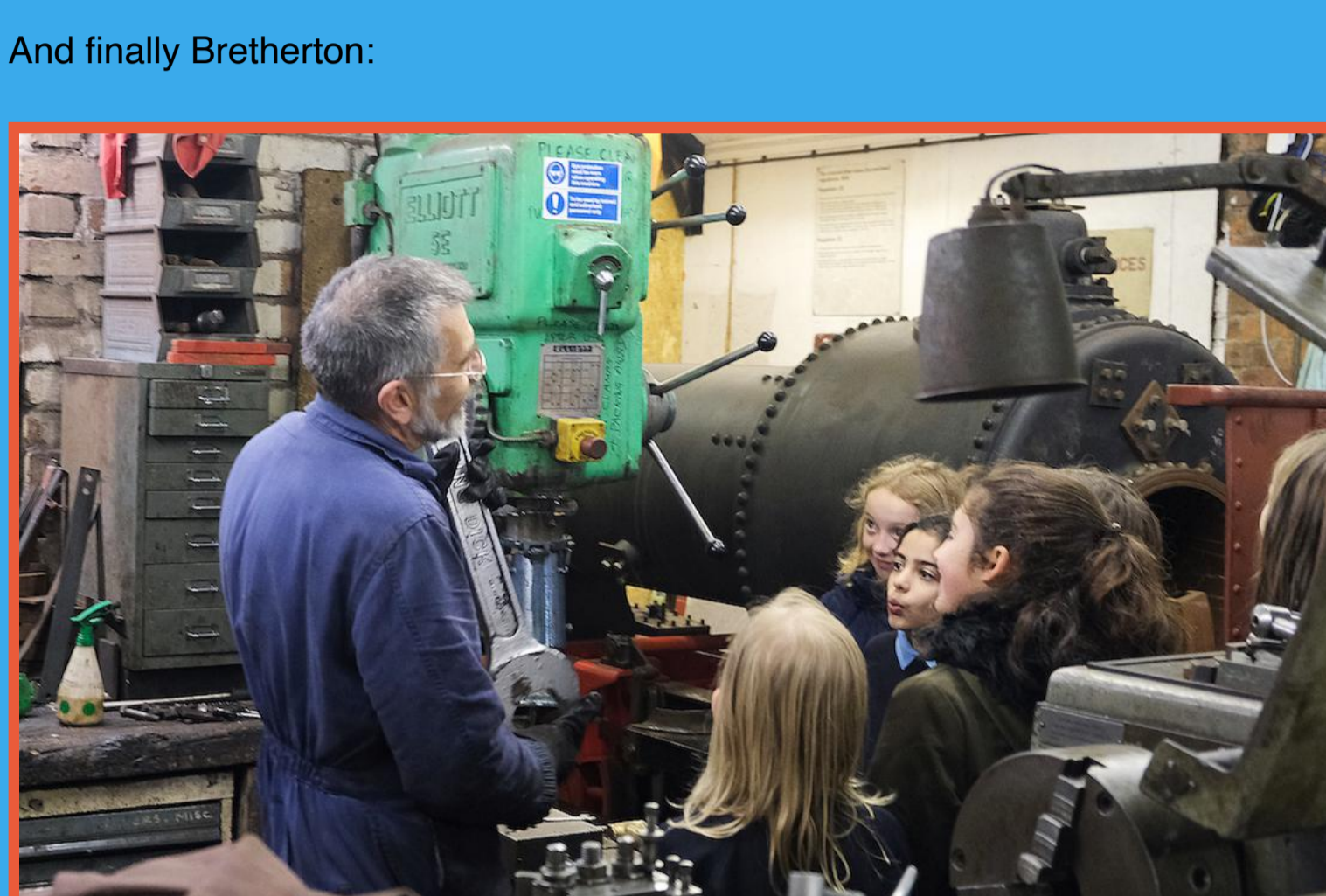
Closely followed by Merefield of Southport:



Next up was Mere Brow, who delighted us by wearing Victorian costume:



And finally Bretherton:

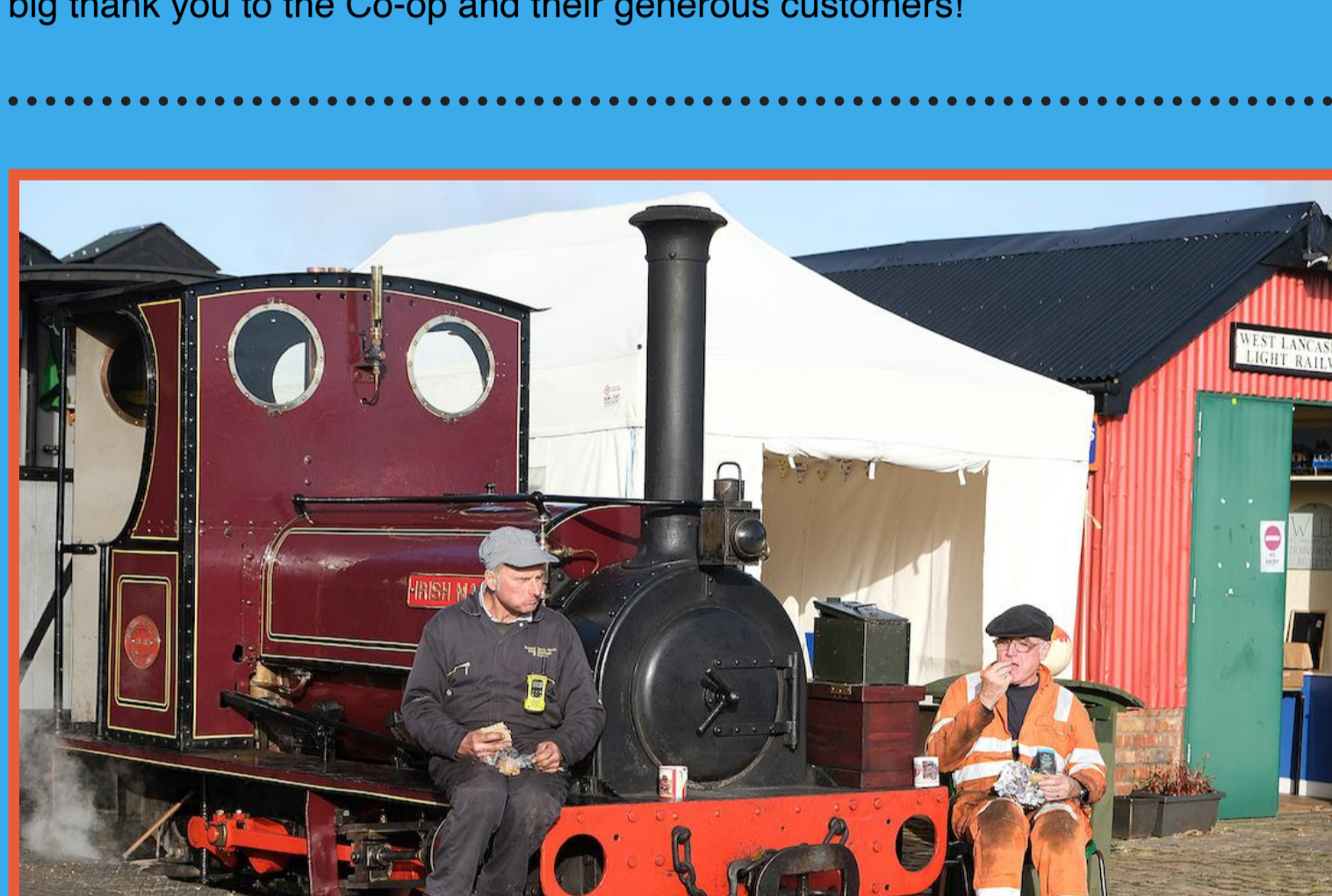


We are grateful to the staff of each school for arranging the visits - the children had a great time and we did too, and hopefully they absorbed a little about their engineering heritage.

School visits



And during Mere Brow's visit, Shella from the local Co-op came to present us with a giant-sized cheque for a massive £43911! The Railway has benefited this year from the Co-op's Local Community Fund. The money will go towards funding school visits like these and buying equipment for our education room. A big thank you to the Co-op and their generous customers!



Any suggestions for a caption, improving on 'an old lady with two old men' ?



An old friend returns! Stanhope arrives from Apedale to share Santa duty with Irish Mail, safely transported by Atkinson Trailer Hire of Midge Hall, Leyland.



As you can see, a lot of work went into preparing the temporary track to receive our visitor. Fortunately our newly-restored battery-electric locomotive was just the job to ease the burden.

Trackwork

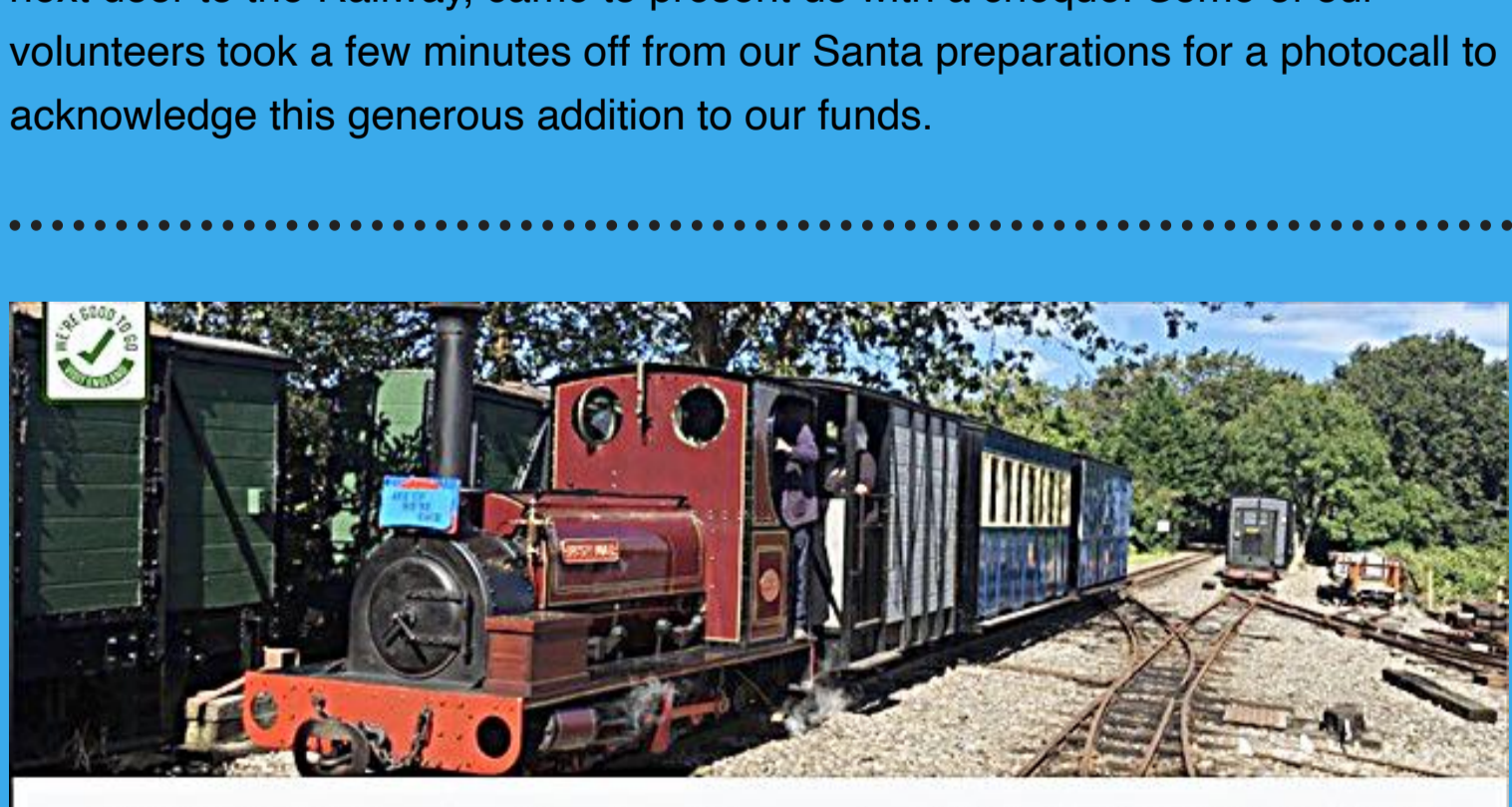


It's not all playing trains at West Lincs! Here some of our intrepid volunteers tackle some essential first aid training, courtesy of the Onsite First Aid Training Company. No dummies, plastic or human, were harmed in this exercise.



Some more good financial news! In September we were the beneficiaries of Persimmon Homes Community Champions scheme, which awards grants of up to £1,000 to organisations to match money they have raised themselves.

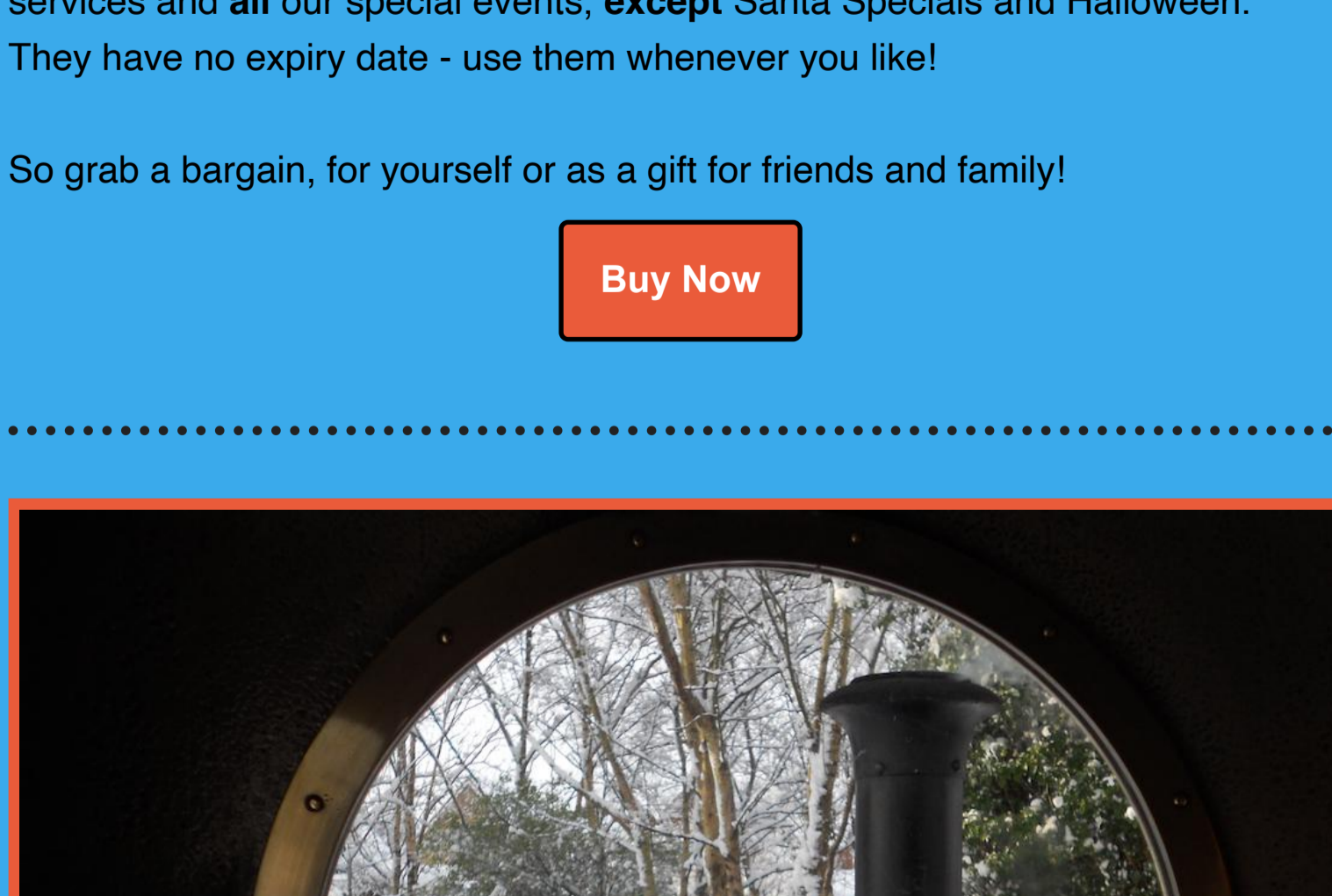
Recently representatives of Persimmons, who are building a housing estate next door to the Railway, came to present us with a cheque. Some of our volunteers took a few minutes off from our Santa preparations for a photocall to acknowledge this generous addition to our funds.



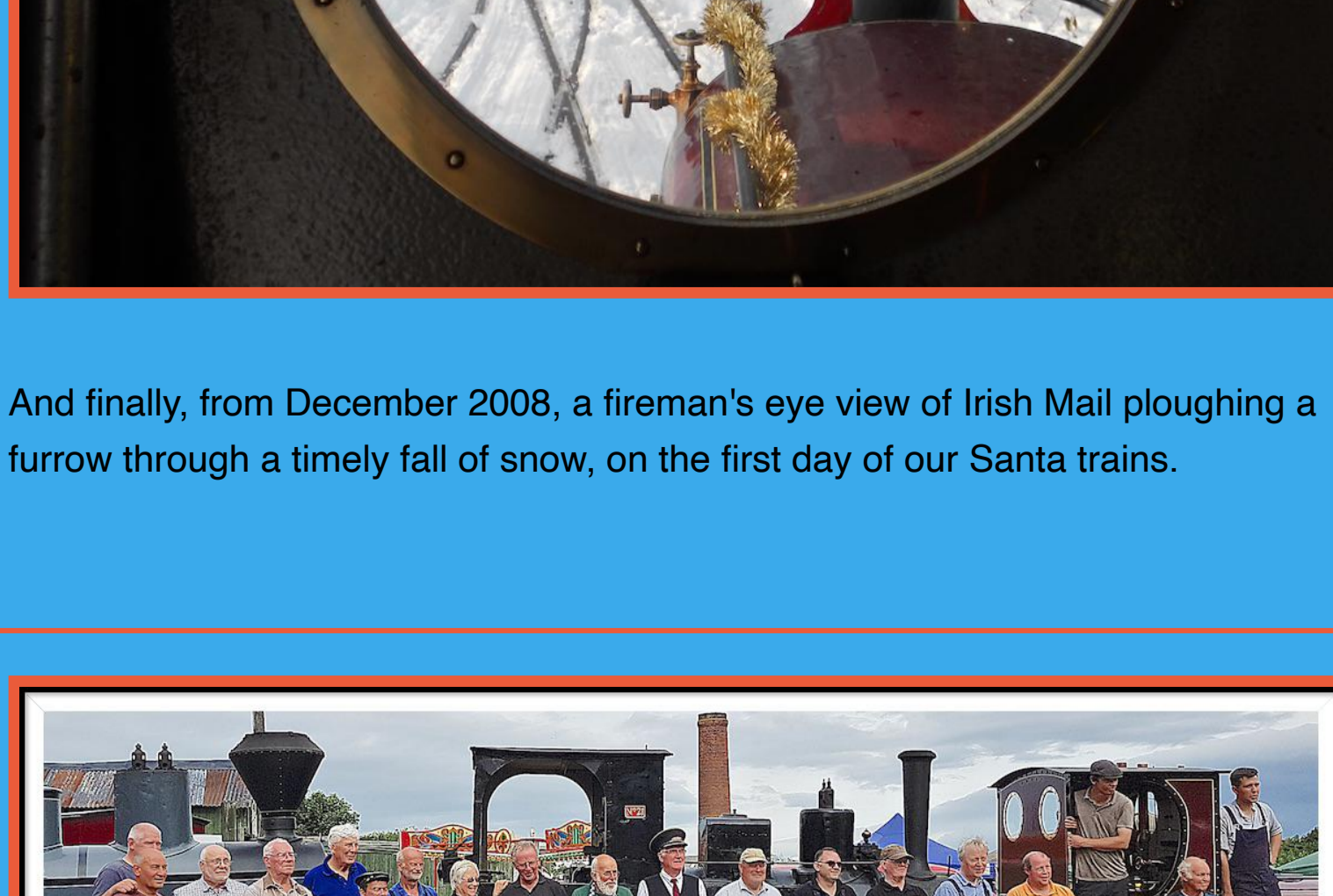
They're back! Our Advance Anyday Discount Tickets are back on sale. They are valid for all our normal Sunday, Bank Holiday and half-term midweek services and all our special events, **except** Santa Specials and Halloween. They have no expiry date - use them whenever you like!

So grab a bargain, for yourself or as a gift for friends and family!

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And finally, from December 2008, a fireman's eye view of Irish Mail ploughing a furrow through a timely fall of snow, on the first day of our Santa trains.



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