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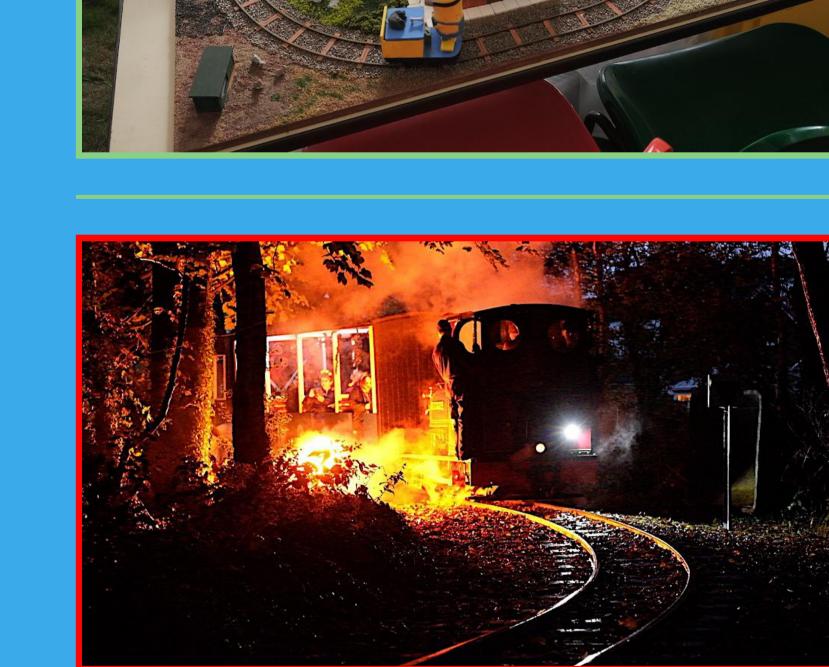
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## **WELCOME to West Lancs Letter No.23!**



engine days and the regular Sunday running. First up was our Pumpkin Sunday, with every child choosing a pumpkin to take



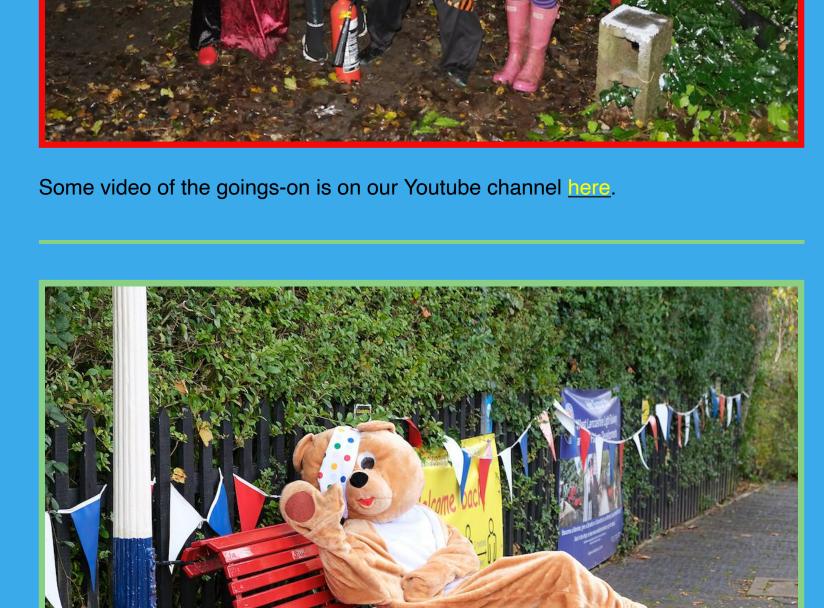


The following week our Halloween trains were as ghoulish as ever, with four

trainloads of pretending-to-be-not-at-all-frightened passengers, some in full

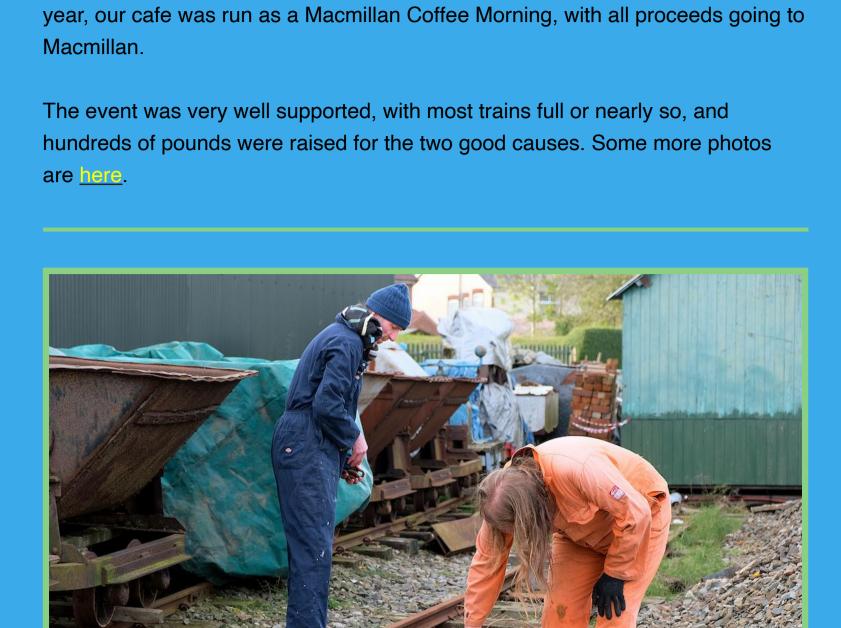
things went bump in the night and a good scary time was had by all.

costume, braving the dark and stormy night. Many tall tales were told, numerous



Our final special event was our Children in Need Sunday, featuring Pudsey Bear.

All train rides were free, with donations invited for the BBC's charity. New for this



And while the trains are running, work continues elsewhere. Alex and Joseph

dismantle track panels as part of realignment works to facilitate loco moves on



the beneficiary unaware of the booking!

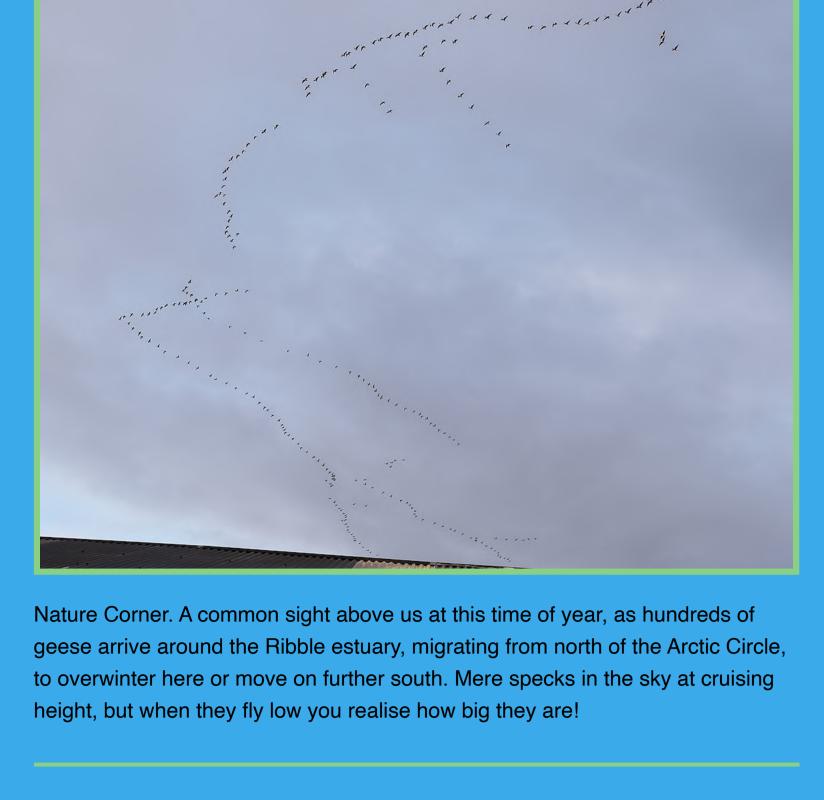
In 1982 a group of friends celebrated the 21st birthdays of two of their number

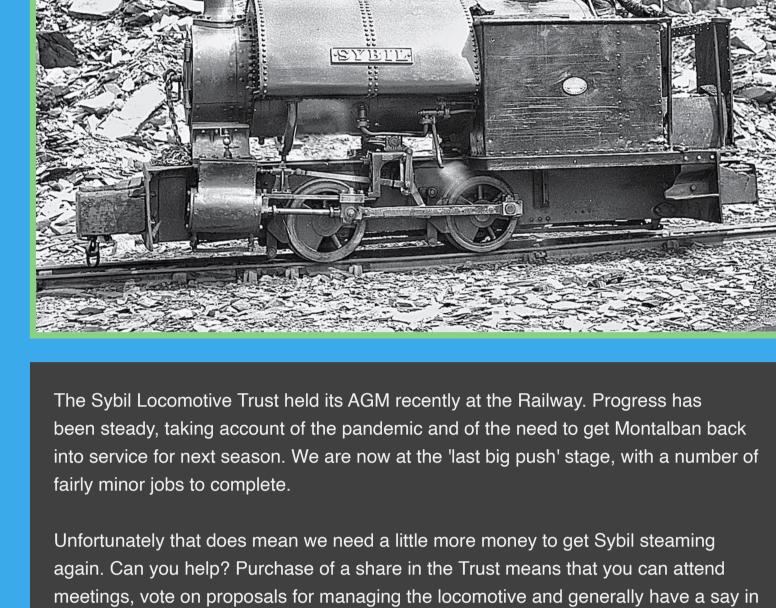
with a ride on our Railway. And now they're back! This time a 60th birthday was

marked by a surprise Drive-an-Engine treat, possibly the first we have had with









how the Trust is run. Shares cost £500 each, and can be purchased by individuals or groups, with groups having one vote between them. Alternatively the Trust would be grateful for any donations that readers can give. To quote a certain supermarket ad, every little helps! If you can help, please contact Martyn Smith at treasurer@sybillocomotivetrust.org. Thank you! The photo, by Derek Chaplin, shows Quarry Bagnall 'Sybil' working at Dinorwic Quarry, circa 1954.



services started there. Stanhope paid us a visit on the occasion of our 50th Anniversary Gala in 2017, and is due to return shortly to take part in our Santa Specials and in the first part of next season. We are grateful to John Rowlands, Stanhope's owner, for

Lancs, but later moved to the Apedale Valley Light Railway when passenger

supporting us in this way. Apart from our sold-out Santa Specials next month, our operating season is now to an end. All things considered, it has been a much better year than we might

have hoped, with strong support from visitors, both local and from farther afield,

We are also grateful for the help and encouragement of our local councillors and of our MP, Katherine Fletcher. We have made progress in maintaining and developing the site during 2021, and have plans to do more in 2022.

and from our hard-working volunteers.

And talking of Santa Specials, it will be all hands on deck for our volunteers to fill the many and various roles over the five days. If you can help, even for just one day, please contact Alan Frodsham here. Your Railway needs you!

April 3rd. See you then!

We look forward to meeting our many friends again when we re-open on Sunday



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