

## NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2025



### WEST SHORE ISSUES.

Having two Bank Holidays in May, everyone was looking forward to making a bit of money in order to boost society funds. The first one included our society fun day giving the society a healthy boost.

I'm afraid the second one was almost a washout. Saturday was reasonably quiet but as I've said before "every penny counts these days". Sunday and Monday the weather was atrocious, with nobody venturing out to the beach, public running was cancelled.



On the Sunday morning, this photo was taken by my wife at Penmaenbach from the car. Looking across Conwy Bay towards West Shore it really shows how rough the sea was.

Having running water in our clubhouse, we have to consider how to dispose of the waste water in an environmentally manner.



This photo shows the dynamic duo (Colin and Frank) constructing a soakaway. By the time they'd finished the excavation work I can confirm this hole was quite deep! I can't wait to see phase 2, the bricklaying part of the job.

Other members have been creating wild flower areas within the track area hoping this will add some extra colour and maybe attracting some more pundits.

## **STEAMING DAYS.**

At our last meeting, I told the committee that I would use our Newsletter to remind members our Society will be holding steaming days on the second Wednesday of the month. According to my calendar that will be 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (sorry for the short notice) and 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

I will be missing on the 9<sup>th</sup> July as I will be in Norway picking up my twin grand daughters in order to bring them over to Wales for their summer holidays. Although one superstar will be missing, I can confirm another international superstar will be present. Callum Christie from the Emerald Isle has emailed me to confirm he will be present that day. I'm hoping everyone will give Callum a warm welcome.

## LLANDUDNO MUSEUM RAIL200 EXHIBITION.

Members of the society have been approached by the curator of the Llandudno Museum to assist in the celebration of 200 years of railway travel.

One of our late members, Keith France built this lovely Simplex locomotive. Members thought it would be a lovely gesture to remember Keith if we had the loco on display in his memory at the exhibition. Keith's wife was approached for her feelings towards this idea. She was overjoyed. The photo shows Mrs. France and Manju the museum curator next to the locomotive Keith named, NELLIE.



Keith Jones provided some of his photos in order to give a brief history of our society.



## **A BEAUMARIS CASTLE.**

My good friend Brian Haseler from Beaumaris turned up at the clubhouse a week or two ago with some parts he has finished for his 5" inch gauge Castle class locomotive.

On display was one of locomotive's bogie axles, the other was the crank axle. The castings came from a company in New Zealand and are of the lost wax type. I have never seen such high-quality castings in my life. Brian has gone along as per the real thing by fitting tyres onto the wheels but his are secured using Loctite or a similar adhesive.

## **TWO LOVELY SHOTS OF THE CRANK AXLE.**





The Photo below shows one of the Bogie Axles. If you look closely, you can see the joint between the casting and the tyre on the circumference.

Brian's comment, "Not bad for a person that has never been trained in engineering".



It really shows what a person can do if he sets his mind to it.

Not much else to report. I'm still looking forward to hear what you're all getting up to in your workshops.

Best regards,

*Harold Jones*