



**AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER**

**Archie's Stroudley Terrier.**

The Saturday before our Gala Day, Archie could be seen clocking up the laps at West Shore with his diminutive five-inch gauge locomotive. Since inheriting this little gem from his late grandfather, quite a bit of re commissioning was required to get it running in this present condition. It has a lovely crisp beat and it will be quite interesting to see how many passenger trollies it is capable of hauling.



It was a lovely hot day and whilst Keith and I were having a chat over lunch in the clubhouse, the topic of fires came up. When will the tinder dry grass ignite? I left for home early due to family commitments. Not knowing until I received the photos from Archie, that afternoon the grass had ignited.



I think there is a lesson for us all here. Look at the conditions and prepare for the most serious outcome. Luckily, this was not a serious fire and it was extinguished immediately.

Thanks Archie.

### **A NEW LOCOMOTIVE.**

Paul Gennoe has sent me a couple of photos of his “new build” taken at our gala day. Again, I’m not sure if this is an N2 or N7 0-6-2 tank loco.

I remember Don Young starting his construction series on this loco- motive in his quarterly magazine called “Locomotives, Large and Small”. He called this model “BARNET”, I suppose Hertfordshire was the loco’s stomping ground.

These locos were famous for being driven very hard. Fast acceleration at the start of the journey then heavy breaking at the end.

Back to Paul’s locomotive, can I say it looks superb and I’m hoping I’ll be at West Shore to take a few snaps on its maiden “voyage”.



As can be seen, Paul has painted his loco in Great Northern Railway livery, in my trainspotting days they were under the Eastern Region of British Railways, and were painted in lined black.



I wasn't aware these locos carried nameplates. I also learnt on a quiz show on the TV last week, Abbey Court was a station.

## OUR ANNUAL CHARITY DAY.

The Friday afternoon prior to our big day saw our usual band of members turn up to prepare the site. I don't know if members realise how heavy the gazebos are to move from the containers to the area adjacent to the station. You could say they were then partially built as you don't know what the weather can throw at you at West Shore.

Saturday morning saw members turning up at West Shore to a near gale blowing in off the Menai Straits. We were all quite worried thinking our big day might become a big flop.

With everything set up and the gates open, the visitors started to come in quite early. We needn't have worried, our ladies at the catering section were ready. Not just them, Frank was also busy feeding members with bacon baps. These were very much appreciated.

A big thank you to Barbara, Tina, Lorraine and Carys for their very hard work throughout the day. Having mentioned the catering section, Carys was running a tombola stand. I've just remembered another two young ladies. Gary's two granddaughters helped out with the face painting and apologies for not knowing their names.

Both our battery locomotives (the class 37 and the Class 17?) started off with the passenger hauling duties, then Richard took over from the 37 with his Gresley designed North Eastern region tank loco. This loco ran faultless. Thanks for your contribution, Richard.

This photo shows the general layout of the gazebos. The table to the right shows a few members' models, Brian's Simplex chassis which was well advanced, Tony's Gauge 1 tank loco and Martin's 0-4-2 Tich. Other members had models in their vehicles but weren't aware that a display table was available. Due to the wind in the morning, it had been decided not to show any models, even I had missed the chance to take a photo of them.



Locomotives in the foreground, left to right – (all 3 ½" LBSC designs)

0-6-0 Molly. Based on the famous Jinty. 47410 was a station pilot at Holyhead for many years.

2-10-0 9F Evening Star - Last steam loco to have been built by British Railways at Swindon.

4-6-0 County 1000 class - This loco was professionally constructed for Brian Hollingsworth and featured in his book on LBSC. Brian named it Stormy Petrel along with number plates following the

4-2-2 GWR single wheeler (similar to the Triang Lord of the Isles).

The next photo shows the difference in size between 5 and 3 ½ inch gauge.



1012 County of Denbigh is dwarfed by the society's Class 37 Llandudno.



I had to include this photo of members dismantling one of the gazebos, still with the wind doing its best to blow us all towards the Isle of Man.

Last Saturday we were still receiving donations for Hope House Childrens Hospice. The final total takings for the day are well in four figures, but I wouldn't like to say how much until Phil finally signs the cheque.

A few of us saw the Red Arrows flying over the North Shore, I'm reliably informed they were on their way from RAF Valley to Blackpool. What a shame they never flew over our track.

I would like to thank Richard Powell who had driven from Oswestry on the English / Welsh border to spend the day with us. Unfortunately on his return journey he encountered the effects of a major road accident on the A55 near Holywell causing a long delay in the journey back home due to the queues.

Barbara and Frank, have been involved with organising the charity event for many years and have decided the time has now come for new blood. The committee have been sending out feelers for a new organiser or organisers. We mustn't stop this great event for local worthwhile causes. Thanks Mr. & Mrs. Simpson for your hard work over the years.

Confirmation, our Treasurer has handed a cheque for £1200:00 to Hope House yesterday. What can I say. Brilliant and all for such a worthy cause.

### **ANOTHER CHARITY EVENT.**

How nice to be able to report another successful event involving miniature railways, this time the benefactor being the North Wales Air Ambulance.

Congratulations to our members John and Jan on what seems to have been a very successful open day on their 7 1/4-inch gauge track at LLanfachaeth at the most northernmost track in Wales.

A grand total of £565 was raised for the Air Ambulance. Again, Brilliant !

### **PANAD.**

During our charity event Barbara asked me if I wanted any refreshments. Well, I replied and asked for a panad please, to which she asked me "What is a panad?"

So here's my explanation.

In Welsh a cup is called a cwpan, so a cup full would be a cwpanad. This has then been shortened to PANAD. The equivalent to the English "cuppa". Although years ago it referred to a cup of tea, these days with the popularity of coffee or any other refreshment it could refer to any drink. This gently leads me to this:



This is another “new build” steam locomotive being constructed at Boston Lodge works on the Ffestiniog Railway. Compared with other locomotives at the works this one is minute. Based on the de Winton quarry loco manufactured at Caernarfon this is a replica of one of the two-foot gauge locos of the 1870’s. Believe it or not, it will be called: PANAD.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

This is an advanced notice of next month’s Annual General Meeting. This is your society, if you want to have your say about anything that concerns yourself or anything concerning the society, this is your chance. For the first time, this meeting will be held at our clubhouse at West Shore, please make an effort to attend.

Date and time.: 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 @ 10:00.

### **ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.**

Following Llandudno Museum’s exhibition celebrating the 200 years of railways, “The Inspiration Train” will be visiting the town’s railway station from 15<sup>th</sup> November – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Sporting an eye-catching livery, visitors young and old will go on a journey of discovery exploring the railway’s 200year old history.

To visit the train, you need to “register your interest” and later book a place, if there are any left. All the details are at the Railway 200 website.

### **MODELS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR SALE.**

I’ve been asked if I can advertise articles for sale or wanted in our newsletter. As we have a place on our web site, I’ve always said I would prefer not to interfere with this section as Dave Davies our webmaster is doing such a fine job. I must admit that I don’t visit this site enough, so this might encourage more members to visit this site. I’m more than happy to highlight that members do have articles on the web site.

Two of our ever-present members at West Shore have told me they have models for sale; these should appear on the site very soon.

Frank has a 3 1/2inch gauge LBSC designed Doris. This is based on the LMS Back 5 and comes with a current boiler certificate.

Shaun has a Polly 0-6-0 five-inch gauge tank loco. You could say this is a new loco and is hardly used. Again, this loco will have a current boiler certificate. Contact either gentlemen, or look for details on the web site.

Let’s see more of us visiting our web site, including myself.

With another Bank Holiday week end coming, I look forward to see ing you all at West Shore this week end.

This is all for now,

Best Regards,

*Harold Jones.*