



LRGWLG News

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Summer 2023

Welcome to the New Look Newsletter, and a new Editor



Thursday 24th March was an exciting milestone for the restoration of 5532, the boiler and all its components were moved to Tyseley from Llangollen. We must extend our thanks to the MPD at Llangollen for the preparation. The move went smoothly with Peter Robson overseeing the Llan end and Chris Moore being at Tyseley.

Alastair Meanley and his team at Tyseley Locomotive Works have been awarded the contract to overhaul the boiler and this will take around 2 to 3 years to complete. So far the Group has around 60% of the funds needed but still need to raise a significant amount to complete the boiler. Once the boiler is complete additional funding will be required to for the final phase of the restoration, which will be mostly undertaken by volunteers in the workshop at Llangollen

Editor:

Lynn Moore



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Trustee Report

Saturday 18th March saw a fantastic turnout of members at the Corwen Ticket Office for this year's AGM.

- The following Trustees were appointed : Mike Fazey as Chairman, but supported by Peter Robson Treasurer, Charles Cooksley Secretary, and Bryan Wheeler
- We welcomed 3 new Trustees Chris Moore – Engineering, Lynn Moore- Marketing /PR / Fundraising and Allan Black.
- At the AGM it was confirmed that the Group now has charitable status, it has been registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 as a Charitable Community Benefit Society. This is a great step forward as it now means that all donations by tax payers are eligible for gift aid, meaning that 25p can be claimed for every £1 donated. Many of our shareholders have declared that their monthly payments should be converted into donations instead of accruing shares, enabling the charity to claim gift aid. If you haven't already done so, the gift aid form is attached to this Newsletter.
- We received £4,807-71 from HMRC for gift aid from our recent claim covering the period 1 January – 30 June 2023.
- The details of our charity are available for the public to view on the website:- <https://mutuals.fca.org.uk/>. Alternatively search for "Mutuals Public Register – Financial Conduct Authority". Our registration No is 8971.

Since the AGM your Trustees have co-opted Douglas Hebson onto the committee to bring new young blood into the Group, helping to sustain the future of 5532.



Photo Credit Llangollen Railway

After the meeting we had an opportunity to visit the new station at Corwen, which since that day has now officially opened and extended the line for the Llangollen Corwen Railway. Well done to all concerned.

Regards

Peter Robson



Engineering Report

This is my first report as the Engineer for 5532. I am pleased to be overseeing the repairs/overhaul at Tyseley of 5532 boiler. The quality of boiler work at Tyseley is second to none and when complete will give us a boiler to last many years. So far they have concentrated on repairing the fire box prior to re-assembly.



This photo shows the excellent welding to the copper firebox tubeplate. Copper welding is a highly skilled job as can be seen here.



The copper firebox doorplate also required a copper weld repair shown here on the right. These were carried out to correct unsatisfactory previous repairs.



Final levelling and annealing now is being carried out prior to re-assembly of the firebox.

Regards

Chris Moore



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Marketing and PR

I was pleased to take on this role for 5532 and hope that I can make a difference to our presence both in the Railway Press and Social Media, as well as increasing the profile of our Group.

So far a small article has appeared in TRACKSIDE magazine (if you haven't yet seen this new publication that was launched last year, it is worth a read). I have had input on our face book page and have taken over as webmaster for the Website (thanks to Joe Wellsted for all his previous input). Please bear with me as this is a learning curve for me! The Website has been re-launched but will be updated over the coming weeks.

As the boiler overhaul progresses and when we are in a position to do some further work on the chassis I will endeavour to keep our members and shareholders up to date with information.

This new look Newsletter will be published 3 or 4 times a year, and distributed mainly by email.

PLEASE Provide your email address to Peter Robson peter.g.robson@btinternet.com so that you can continue to receive this New Look Newsletter.



The article that was in Trackside

Regards

Lynn Moore



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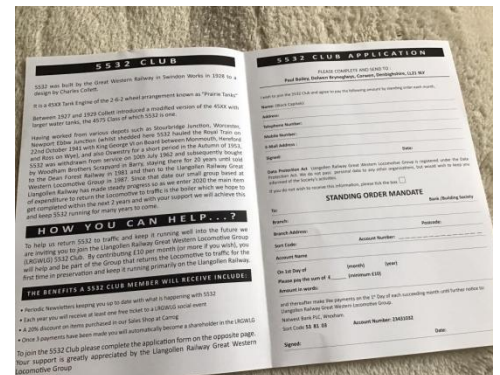
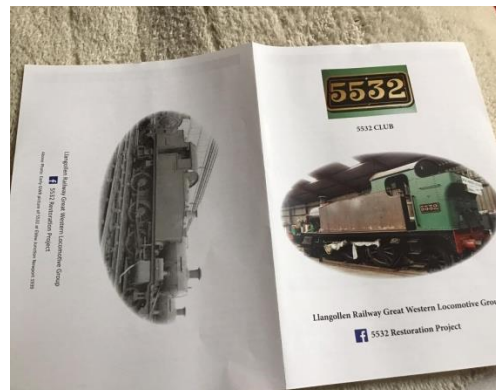
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FUNDRAISING

You may be aware that Paul Bailey runs our Football Card each week, which brings in much needed funds for the Boiler Fund (£50 per week), if you haven't yet had a go do contact Paul paulbaileywincham@yahoo.co.uk and he can arrange, it is only £2.50 each week.

OR

You can contact Paul about the 5532 Club for as little £10 per month. Become a member and make monthly contributions which can be gift aided. All funds go towards overhaul of the Boiler. Already 10 members have converted their regular payment to a gift aided donation



Over the years much has been achieved, many thousands of pounds has been raised and as you can see the chassis of the locomotive is complete but there is still much to do and money to raise. The generosity of our supporters has been very much appreciated



New Boiler Appeal

We are delighted this month to launch the New Boiler Appeal to raise much needed funds. Please see later in the Newsletter for details. Also there will be exciting news in our next issue about our On the Shelf Appeal,



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The CARROG Shop

The shop which is housed in a coach at Carrog Station was originally owned by the 5199 Group and we paid a rent for its use. We are pleased to report that one of our members has very generously bought the coach and now allowed use by our own 5532 group rent free.

From June 2023, the railway has achieved its goal of running services to Corwen at the new station. This has meant that Carrog is now a through station and trains only stop for 1 minute. The result is that our income from the shop has fallen by about 65%. This makes a major difference to our overall fundraising. Until recently, we had very generous donations of railway models, railwayana and other models, which we have sold on eBay. As we now have few browsers in the shop, book sales are far lower and it is not economic to sell books on eBay, because of postal costs. We can no longer sell on Amazon, because they have blocked listing books from small sellers like us.

I must add many thanks to Bryan Wheeler, Pamela Dale, Malcolm Cowtan and Mike Fazey in joining me in soldiering on often in difficult trading conditions with the reduced footfall created by the very limited time trains actually stop at Carrog..

As we have now lost two thirds of our potential sales income, it has become more vital than ever that we raise funds via donations and other fund raising schemes. The boiler is being restored at Tyseley at a cost of £180,000. We have about £115,000 in accounts. We also thank our shareholders and supporters for all their help over the years but more money is still needed as you can see in this Newsletter

We would welcome the following donations for selling

One way of real tangible help would be to donate railway models and railwayana that we can sell on eBay. In the past year this raised over £4000. Contact Charles Cooksley Tel: 01492 548670 or email Charles@colwyn.plus.com



The Carriage/ 5532 Shop situated at Carrog Station on the Llangollen Railway

Regards

Charles Cooksley



NEW BOILER APPEAL

We are to launch the new look Boiler Appeal as funds are still required to complete the overhaul.

Join our '5532 Boiler Appeal'

There are three levels of donations

1. Donate £50 and receive a thank you card with a current photo of 5532 in the shed and your name on our 'Roll of Honour' banner to be carried on the first train being hauled by 5532!
2. Donate £251 (5532 was lot 251) and as well as the thank you card and roll of honour receive a limited edition new print of 5532 in Llangollen station
3. Donate £553.20 and as well as the above benefits you will have an opportunity to ride behind one of the first trains hauled by 5532.

If you wish to donate then please complete the attached form

OR BECOME AN ADOPTER

You can become one of just 100 patrons of 5532 by making a special contribution 'Adopt a Small Prairie']

There were 100 of these built numbered 4575–4599 and 5500–5574.

For £1000 you will get a framed limited edition print of 5532 and designated uniquely one of the 100 small prairie as being the 'Adopter' of one of the below and an invite to a special steaming of 5532.11 in total have been preserved, the rest all fell to the cutter's torch

Year	Quantity	Lot No.	Locomotive Numbers	Notes
1927	30	242	4574-4599, 5500-5504	
1927	20	249	5505-5524	
1928	20	251	5525-5544	
1928-29	30	253	5545-5574	



BOILER APPEAL DONATION

I wish to donate the sum of £_____ to the 5532 Boiler Appeal.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below

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I wish to gift aid my donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to the Llangollen Railway Great Western Locomotive Group (LRGWLG)

My details

- Level 1 - £50 ☐
Level 2 - £251 ☐
Level 3 - £553.20 ☐
Patron - £1000 ☐

For Patrons only

Please indicate which Small Prairie you wish to Adopt

Full Name _____

Full home address _____

Postcode _____ Email Address _____

Date _____ Telephone Number _____

Signature _____

I understand the Llangollen Railway Great Western Locomotive Group will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I donate. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of gift aid claimed on all my donations in that tax years it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

I will notify the LRGWLG if I wish to cancel my declaration, change my name /address or no longer pay sufficient tax on my income and/or capital gains.

Note: If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Please make cheques payable to Llangollen Railway Great Western Locomotive Group

Once you have completed and signed the form please send it to:

5532 Boiler Appeal, 224 Staining Road, Blackpool Lancs. FY3 0DL

but if you wish to pay by BACS transfer to: National Westminster Bank plc, , 33 Lord Street, Wrexham, LL11 1LP, **Sort Code 53-81-03 Account 23431032** for the credit of Llangollen Railway Great Western Locomotive Group – Please use Ref: 5BA (+Your Initials) and state on the form paid by BACS

IF YOU WISH TO CONVERT YOUR 5532 Club to Donations or Just Make a General Donation



DONATION TO LLANGOLLEN RAILWAY GREAT WESTERN LOCOMOTIVE GROUP

GIFT AID DECLARATION

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My details

Full Name _____

Full home address _____

Postcode _____ Email Address _____

Date _____ Telephone Number _____

Signature _____

Please tick the box if you are a UK taxpayer

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All Donations are welcome for the restoration of 5532 Small Prairie Locomotive

Once you have completed and signed the form please send it to:

Llangollen Railway GW Locomotive Group, 21 Allanson Road, Colwyn Bay LL28 4HN