

Update on activity at the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway - January 2022

General Status

Happy New Year! Let us hope that 2022 brings us all a year of good health and less constraints from the covid pandemic.



Photo (left): A Tinsel Train departs Haverthwaite with Barclay 1245 in charge.

Customer feedback from the Tinsel Trains was extremely positive and we may well develop a similar approach in 2022. The use of compartment stock where we sell the family use of their own compartment was appreciated by everyone. This was not just because they are more covid secure but also because compartments give each family group their own private space where the children can get as over excited as they want without upsetting anyone else! Lack of sufficient corridor compartment stock limited our train length in 2021 but we should be able to add another Mk1 SK in 2022. This should better help satisfy the obvious customer demand.

Locomotive Status

BR Fairburn 4MT 42073 - Operational
Bagnall 'Princess' - Operational
Bagnall 'Victor' - Operational
Barclay 1245 'Carron Iron Works No. 14' - Operational
Barclay 'David' - Operational
BR Class 20 20214 - Operational
BR Class 110 DMU - Operational
BR Class 03 D2117 - Operational
BR Class 03 D2072 - Operational
LMS Class 11 7120 - Operational

Looking back on 2021:

It is our people; the staff, contractors, volunteers, friends and supporters that make our railway the wonderful place that it is. The cheerful work from every one of them throughout the tough year that was 2021 is really appreciated. Here we capture a selection of photographs of just a few of those individuals at their work.





And thanks to all those who made the 2021 'Tinsel Trains' such a customer hit!

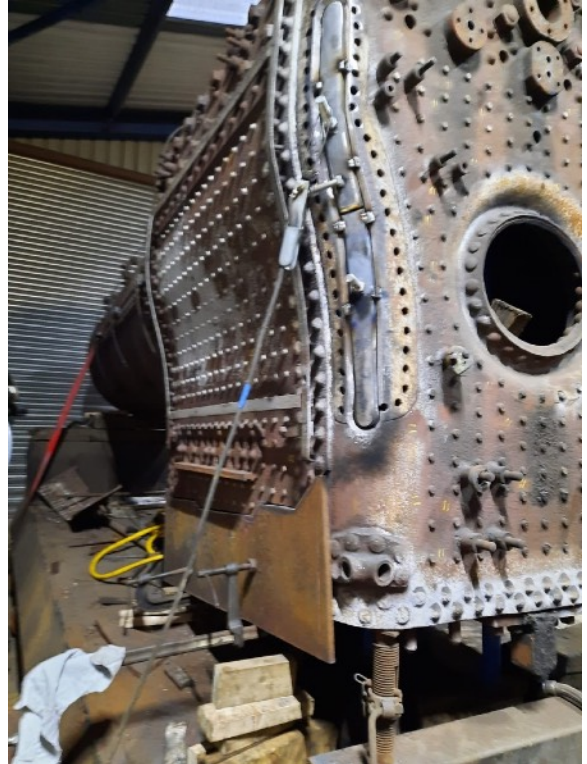


Ivatt 2MT 46441**Boiler**

Great progress has been made in December and can be seen in the photo (right). The newly formed firebox back shoulder pieces have been tacked into place and are ready for welding in. These will subsequently be reinforced by adding the original shoulder patches as doublers. The lower firebox wrapper side sheet profiles are also in process of being cut to size.

Refurbishment of the remaining footplate fittings is now in progress.

The smokebox front ring chamfer still requires to be finish machined. We anticipate this being done on a new machine to be installed at John Fowler & Co. The smokebox barrel can then be riveted to the front ring and to the boiler when completed.

**Chassis**

The cracked rear cylinder cover is at the pattern makers. They are using this and the engineering drawings to create a new casting pattern from which both a left or a right hand new rear cover may be machined.

Footplate painting is progressing well and Paul Timewell has now re-fitted the tender cab windows.

The piston rods have been reground ready for the new piston heads which are being manufactured (as are the new piston rings).

Fairburn 4MT 42085

Wednesday volunteers have continued cleaning and preparing the frame surfaces for repainting.

The handbrake crank and pivot have had a new bracket made by volunteer Les Vickers. This has been trial assembled with a new pin before the old frame stretcher is removed. Old and new are shown in the photos below.



Hunslet Austerity 'Repulse'

As for last month the motion overhaul is still making occasional progress. It is a lower priority at the moment as the locomotive will not be required until the 2022 main season.

Volunteering opportunities in 2022.

New and returning volunteers are always welcome. The overhauls of Ivatt 46441 and Fairburn 42085 continue to give us plenty opportunity for a variety of locomotive restoration tasks.

We welcome you to join our midweek gangs (or indeed any day of the week) to work on the rolling stock overhauls. We can certainly make a big difference to the visual standard and the pace of work that is done. Just get in touch and we can provide more detail! We can all find it really rewarding. We shall endeavour to ensure that you are directed towards (and supported on) the appropriate tasks.

If your preference is to volunteer on some of the wider range of tasks that you will see taking place at our railway or via this newsletter, then again, please get in touch.

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