

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

General Status

The early season has continued to deliver reasonable passenger levels and some increase in numbers of coach parties since Easter. The low season has enabled us to utilise the smaller locos; Bagnall Princess and Barclay No. 1245. We have continued to receive deliveries of Polish coal and our stock level remains good. Victor (No. 2996) has returned from its successful gala reunion with its sister Bagnall (No. 2994) at the North Tyneside Steam Railway and is back in service with us. Princess plus Barclays 1245 and David are currently being prepared for their annual steam tests at the beginning of June.



Above: Victor and Vulcan reunion. The two large Bagnalls on a passenger train at the North Tyneside Steam Railway. Photo courtesy of Dave Hewitt.

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

Ivatt 2MT 46441

On the boiler the new lower throat plate section has passed its NDT inspection and can be seen in the photo (below left) with temporary bolts locating it to the foundation ring. New foundation ring rivets are now available for fitting. Firebox rear corner patch welding continues and the status of the right hand side can be seen here (below right)



Wasted rivets have also been removed from the lower section of the front tube plate. The temporary bolts can be seen in the photo (below left) and these will be replaced with new rivets.



On the chassis the new cylinder cover is now fully machined and ready for delivery to enable the John Fowler & Co. engineering team to reassemble the right hand motion. See photo (right) showing the old and new.

Whilst the boiler is undergoing overhaul Graham Magee and Mark Brown have taken the opportunity to smarten up the paintwork between the frames and the photos here show Mark at work (below) and the present status (right).



Hunslet Austerity 'Repulse'

Re-assembly of the motion is progressing with connecting rod big-end fitting taking place and coupling rods being prepared.

Photo (right) shows one coupling rod ready for fitting.



Fairburn 4MT 42085

Volunteer chassis painting quietly continues with Fred Jones seen here painting the front steps.



Rachel

Rachel has got her name back! Roger Benbow is seen reattaching her name plate.



Signal and Telegraph



A variety of S&T maintenance tasks were taking place in May. Seen (left) are Fred Jones at the base of the ladder and Keith Brewer repairing the wires at Linsty Green.

Both our signal boxes are getting some attention. Haverthwaite box has had some woodwork sections replaced and staff member Peter Vanhinsbergh is seen (above right) applying the paint to his new woodwork.



The Lakeside box exterior woodwork is in much need of a repaint and work has started. Photo (right) shows the box just after the work started. Cliff Kilshaw has now undercoated the red woodwork wherever it can be reached without the need for scaffolding.



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), including train operations, then again, please get in touch.

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