

**LLANGOLLEN RAILWAY GREAT WESTERN LOCOMOTIVE GROUP
NEWSLETTER and AGM notice for FRIDAY 15th July 2016
at CARROG STATION Waiting Room at 7 pm NOTE CARROG ...CARROG**

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We are on our own Website and Face book pages. Thanks to Joe Wellsteed for setting these up for us.

WEBSITE: www.llangollengwloco.co.uk Face book: Google **5532 Project**



5532 new smokebox and door fitted 2016



5532 one tank nearing completion May 2016

UPDATE December 2015- June 2016

MAJOR progress in the last 6 months saw the Smokebox installed by 24 December 2015, followed by the smokebox door and ring in early 2016. Nicely painted and number plated and shed plate fitted about a month later. We have chosen Plymouth Laira shed code as this is the shed where she was finally allocated and then withdrawn in 1962. 5532's longest period of allocation was to Newport Ebbw Junction from 1937 to the early 1950s, from where 5532 hauled the Royal Train in October 1941.

The next major step on the road to restoration saw the delivery of steel plate for the **tanks** in January 2016 and the PLC began assembling the new tanks from April 2016. See picture taken on 16 May 2016 above. As at 12 June, the **second tank** was about half complete and is in the welding bay in the shed.. The contract for the tanks is £21,500. The shop , eBay, share and donations have funded all this new work : Many thanks to all who have helped .

AFTER THIS the NEXT STEP the BIGGEST ONE... We need to raise all the funds to restore the boiler, probably involving major work on the lower part of the firebox. Plus all the tubes as well as smaller components.

2859 It remains the Group's intention to sell 2859. From late March to May 2016 we have received enquiries from **4 separate** individuals/ organisations from various parts of the UK. These are **additional** to the ongoing enquiry received initially by Mike Fazey a few years ago. We have sent details to each of the 4 new enquirers. So far one of these 4 has made plans to visit in early July 2016. If we are able to sell 2859, whatever price we eventually get will NOT be enough to fund the restoration of the boiler of 5532.

APPEAL

5532 reaches its 90th Anniversary in 2018 . It would be nice to think that the loco could be in steam by then.

WE NEED TO RESTORE OUR BOILER

Boiler , tubes and smaller components : CASH needed

We cannot get £100,000 – 130,000 by selling in the Carrog shop especially with the limited stop over and waiting times. PLEASE support 5532, by buying shares or donations.

SEE PAGE 3 for details. Thank you

**AGM 2016 . Our AGM is on FRIDAY 15 th JULY at 7 p.m.
At CARROG WAITING ROOM ... PLEASE NOTE : CARROG CARROG**

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes of the AGM held on 6 November 2015 (see below)
- 3 Matters arising
- 4 Chairman's report
- 5 Engineering report
- 6 Treasurers report (2015 Accounts attached)
- 7 Secretary's report
- 8 Election of committee
- 9 Any Other business.

Minutes of the 2015 AGM

1 Members present: Mike Fazey, Peter Robson, Charles Cooksley, Dave Owen, David Clark.

2 Apologies Bryan Wheeler, Les Richardson, David Evans, Robert Flavell, Pete Fisher and Gareth Jones

3 Chairman's report. Mike Fazey welcomed members to the meeting. The group had made good progress. The sale of 2859 would raise additional funds to the restoration and eventual completion of 5532. He had one long term ongoing enquiry from an established loco group on a well established heritage railway. It was reported that we had two new fountain heads in addition to the 2859 loco. It was agreed to ask Rob Swetman to detail the components in order that we can clarify the total range of components or 2859 stored away from the locomotive.

4 Engineering Report. David Clark highlighted the need to get more volunteers to work on the loco. Future work could include work on cladding and drain cocks. Dave Owen would make enquiries re a quotation for the construction of a new smokebox, smokebox door and related components . Extra publicity was needed, including in the shed on the collecting boxes. Wider publicity was essential including railway magazines and it was suggested that we liaise with George Jones, but also a range of internet social media, such as a website and Face book, where it was suggested that we could contact Joe Wellsted.

5 Treasurer's Report. Peter Robson presented the accounts, which had been previously circulated to members. As at November 2015, we had £33,000 in the bank accounts . Sales income up to 1st November 2015 had reached £15282 in the year. The late Hilary Hewitt's legacy had given us a £5000 boost and Charles Cooksley had thanked Hilary's daughter as executor of Hilary's estate. The Newsletter involves sending out 185 notices via postal service and 108 by email. The members approved the accounts and recorded their thanks for his considerable efforts in relation to the finances of the group.

6 Secretary's report. It was important to try to reduce the amount of postal mailings.. Some more members now on email. eBay sales were lower than in previous years.

7 Election of Committee The following were elected to the committee

Chairman Mike Fazey **Treasurer** Peter Robson

Secretary Charles Cooksley **Engineering Manager** David Clark

Committee Members Les Richardson and Bryan Wheeler. **Co -opted** : Rob Swetman.

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BOILER and RESTORATION APPEAL : Please see Page 3 for a range of ways of giving financial support.

Diolch yn fawr am eich cymorth/ Many thanks for your support

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