

# MAID MARIAN LOCOMOTIVE FUND

## PROGRESS REPORT

NOVEMBER 2024

### RESULTS OF THE BALLOT ON CHANGING THE DATE OF FUTURE AGMS:

The ballot of all subscribers had originally appeared in the May Progress Report; because of a disappointing response a second Progress Report was circulated to those subscribers who had not responded. The results of the first and second ballots was that 22 subscribers replied out of 84 (not counting the Committee); this was a 26.2% response rate. By votes available to be cast, the total number was 608, which represented 22.3% of possible votes were used. So about a quarter of subscribers responded either in terms of individuals replying and in the proportion of the votes cast. The overwhelming majority (86.5% of votes cast) was in favour of Option 2, which was to allow the Committee to make any changes it considered appropriate. Abstentions counted for 9.9% of the vote and the remaining votes (3.7%) went to maintaining the status quo or aligning the AGM with that of the BLR Society AGM. As to the location of the AGM, the few who commented separately on this concentrated on having the venue either at Rheilffordd Llyn Tegid or on the railway on which Maid Marian was based at the time. This was very much in line with comments made at the 2023 AGM. The Committee subsequently decided to recommend to the 2024 AGM that the option of moving future AGMs to the June / July slot. This was largely because the longer days would make it easier for subscribers to attend for a day if necessary. The motion proposed to the Meeting was "That Rule 4B should be amended to say that the AGM be held in June or July of each year or within 14 months of this date". This was unanimously AGREED, so the Rules will be amended to this effect.

### DATE OF THE 2025 AGM :

The date of the next AGM will be Saturday 5 July 2025; the venue will be the Heritage Centre at Llanuwchllyn Station and the time will be the usual one of 1400 hours. Please make a note of this in your diary now and make the most of the longer days to travel to and from the AGM in one day.

### 2025 CALENDAR AND CHRISTMAS CARDS:

Next year's calendar has been advertised in Narrow Gauge World with a favourable review from the Editor who stated that "... the Ed admits that the offering from the Maid Marian Locomotive Fund always goes on the office wall", which was an excellent recommendation. A number of individual orders from members of the public have already been received, so this note is to draw your attention to the 2025 calendar which has an image of the 4' gauge Director's coach inside its shed at the top of the Port Incline on the front cover. The calendar is printed to the usual high quality and has 12 pages of previously-unseen photographs of the Dinorwic Quarry and the Padarn Railway. The cost remains at £10 per calendar including P & P; please make out the cheque to the Maid Marian Locomotive Fund (in full) and send it to Hugh Jones, 139 Stoops Lane, DONCASTER DN4 7RG at the earliest opportunity to avoid clashing with the Christmas post rush. There are also a number of packs of Christmas cards available featuring two sets of 6 cards each with 2 different images which have been on sale before. These are 2 photographs of No. 1 in the snow and paintings of The Maid in Winter and The Old Waiting Room, which have been painted by one of our subscribers. All cards contain bilingual season's greetings and the cost of each pack is £3.50 including P & P, which can be added to your order for the calendar.

Hugh Jones  
Honorary Secretary  
14 November 2024.