

2025 AGM CHANGES:

Please note that, in a change to the locations of recent AGMs, this year's AGM will be held upstairs in the accommodation suite in the station building, not in the Heritage Centre. This should make it easier to organise and will only involve checking that there will be sufficient seating in the kitchen, not carrying a number of chairs down the the Heritage Centre. If this proves to be satisfactory, future AGMs will be held in the same location. As before, there will be a Fund stall set up on the platform and under the awning in case of inclement weather and it may be necessary to ask a subscriber to watch over the stall during the AGM. The plan is to provide a smaller stall than would be made available at the longer Galas since there would be only one day when the stall would be set up which will be the Saturday only

NEWS OF THE LOCO:

Maid Marian has been running successfully since the winter overhaul and crews have been adapting to the new Polish coal that the Railway has had to purchase when the previous supply of Welsh steam coal ran out. Unfortunately this is much smokier than the previous coal and requires a different firing technique as it burns more quickly and produces more smoke and smuts. In the dry weather prior to the early May Bank Holiday there were problems with hot ashes being ejected, causing lines-side fires on the final ascent of Dolfawr Bank, though this did not adversely affect Maid Marian!

FUND-RAISING REPORT:

Your Secretary and your Fund-raising Officer attended the Late May Bank Holiday weekend, as advertised in the May Progress Report. Sadly the weekend was spoiled by the break in the sunny weather that had lasted for so long, with the consequence that there were fewer passengers around in a mood to take up the opportunity to help to top up the Fund's bank balance. There were many occasions when gusting winds scattered the displayed wares and it was necessary to hunker down and brave the cold winds. Nevertheless, when subscriptions collected over the weekend were added to the total of takings from the 3 days a healthy sum of £942 was subsequently banked. Of course there was the opportunity to connect with other volunteers present at the station and in all, five out of six of the Committee were present at some time or other during the weekend, which was important as it provided the opportunity for in-depth discussions with the General Manager about a number of issues that have arisen, or might arise in the future.

Hugh Jones
Honorary Secretary