

MAID MARIAN LOCOMOTIVE FUND

PROGRESS REPORT

OCTOBER 2026

2026 AGM:

The AGM was held in the Far Caravan at Llanuwchllyn Station; 13 subscribers were able to attend. The Treasurer noted that there had been a considerable increase in charges levied by the bank on all non-electronic transactions, such as paying in cash and cheques over the counter or writing cheques. In addition, all administrative tasks, such as changing signatories to the Account, will have to be carried out using on-line banking. The use of the Square card reader had increased the takings on the stall although this, too, attracted additional charges on a percentage of the takings. £10000 had been transferred from the Cheque Account to the Deposit Account because the interest on the latter would contribute to off-setting the Bank's charges.

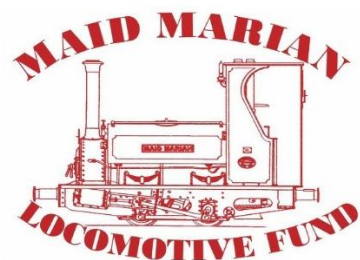
NEWS OF THE LOCO:

Maid Marian will be taken out of service after the current running year for a full 10-year service and boiler inspection. The crank pins had already been fitted and new tyres will be fitted as the existing ones were original from the Quarry. The new stainless steel smokebox had now arrived and will be fitted along with any replacements of tubes and any other remedial work that comes to light during the service. Because of the pressure of outstanding work needed on other locos it was unlikely that the loco would be ready until at least the middle of the 2027 season at the earliest.

2027 CALENDAR:

It was noted during the AGM that 2027 would mark the 60th anniversary of the hand-over of the loco to the Fund. As it would not be possible to run a series of events to celebrate this occasion it was suggested that the most appropriate way of doing this would be to produce a special calendar to include a collection of photographs of Maid Marian over the years. The Treasurer undertook the production of the calendar and a successful print run had meant that copies were available for sale during the Bala Model Railway Show in September. Subscribers who not purchased their calendar/s will be able to acquire them through the post. The cost will be £10 per calendar plus an additional charge of £2.50 for P & P; this represents an increase in prices over that of the 2026 calendar but does reflect the fact that postal charges have significantly increased in recent years. Payment can be by cheque, made out to the Maid Marian Locomotive Fund (in full) and sent to the Secretary at 139, Stoops Lane, DONCASTER, DN4 7RG. Alternatively, for those who are happy to use direct banking, payments can be made using the Sort Code 30-95-89 with the Account Number 00809352 to the Maid Marian Locomotive Fund. Your name should be included so that your payment can be identified; because the Secretary will not be dealing with the postal side of the operation you will need to email your name to him so that your address can be passed on to the Treasurer who will be posting the calendars. A copy of the calendar has already been sent to the Editor of Narrow Gauge World with a view to having the calendar reviewed in time for Christmas.

Hugh Jones
Honorary Secretary



Calendar 2027



January



February



March



April



May



June



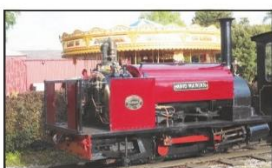
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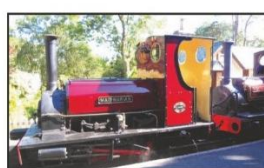
August



September



October



November



December

Thank you for supporting the Maid Marian Locomotive Fund.

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