

WEST LANCASHIRE LIGHT RAILWAY NEWS

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Hot on the heels of no.5, here is another issue of West Lancs Light Railway News, bringing you breaking news of a sad departure and of an exciting event organised at short notice.

FAREWELL TO STANHOPE...

John Rowlands' superb locomotive, *Stanhope*, has given excellent service since it arrived on the railway at the end of October 1999. The arrangement was that *Stanhope* would stay with us until such time as it could be operated on a site of their own by our friends of the Moseley Railway Trust. With the completion by them of the Apedale Light Railway in Staffordshire, that time has now come – it has been our good fortune that it didn't happen sooner.

Having performed alongside *Irish Mail*, *Utrillas*, and visiting loco ex Sragi no. 1 through the recent Gala Weekend, *Stanhope* is likely to make a final appearance in steam at Hesketh Bank at the August Bank Holiday (Sunday and Monday), for which a special event has been organised (see below). Do come along and enjoy the sight of *Stanhope* on our railway one last time.

... AND WELCOME TO EDWARD SHOLTO

A unique, unforeseen and not to be repeated conjunction of circumstances has given us the opportunity to mark the imminent departure of *Stanhope* by steaming three very special quarry locos together on the August Bank Holiday weekend, August 29th and 30th. The locos are our own *Irish Mail*, with *Stanhope*, and recently restored *Edward Sholto*.

Irish Mail, of course, worked in the Dinorwic Quarries. *Stanhope* and *Edward Sholto* worked in the Penrhyn Quarries, and their appearance together at Hesketh Bank will be their first time together since 1961. *Edward Sholto* is a 'Large Quarry' Hunslet 0-4-0ST, works no. 996, built in 1909, acquired and painstakingly

restored by Andrew Neale and a team of helpers. It is now on site, having arrived at Hesketh Bank on the evening of Sunday 8th August, and may be steamed on one or both of the Sundays between now and the Bank Holiday weekend.

Come and join us on what promises to be a memorable occasion.

Welcome to new members

We are delighted to welcome the following new members:

Mr A. Fisher from Blackburn
Mr A. Cole from Lostock Hall
Mr S. Tilling from Hesketh Bank
Mr & Mrs P. Adams and family from Leigh

Forthcoming events

Don't miss the following forthcoming events:

29th and 30th August – **Quarry Engines**
3rd October – **Autumn Steam Gala**
14th November – **BBC Children in Need**

The season continues until the end of October with a loco in steam every Sunday. Booking leaflets for Santa Specials in December are already available.

Members are warmly invited to get involved – drop in any Sunday or Thursday evening.

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