

'Friends of Loco 4930 Hagley Hall'
Member's Newsletter, May 2012



News - Engine House Shunt, 23th April

On Monday 23rd April, 4930 had a rare appearance outside of the Engine House during the course of a 're-shuffle' of the locomotives and rolling stock on display. Some of the engines were taken to Kidderminster to be turned, but Hagley Hall was outside for only a couple of hours, just about long enough to obtain some 'digital era' photographs, without it raining!

Here it is on the bridge, after being pulled out of the Engine House by the 08 Shunter, and before subsequent moves with the class 50:



Thanks are due to our colleagues crewing the diesels for their assistance in posing the loco in the right place for a few minutes, in between other movements going on.



Above:- In Highley platform, whilst other locos were being moved.

Left:- Fireman's eye view, as if about to change the token!

Hagley Hall now resides on the far track within the Engine House, very close to the doors. Moving exhibits within the building takes a lot of planning, so this reshuffle has made sure that engines likely to be leaving for overhaul in the next couple of years are easily accessible
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Chairman's Report

(Ross Cooper)

The committee remain hopeful that the overhaul of Hagley Hall will commence once that of 34027 'Taw Valley' has been completed, subject to any unforeseen circumstances. The exact date will depend upon how quickly 34027 is finished and works space is available, but this is likely to be around 12 months time. The website changes are underway to reflect the need for more timely information as the overhaul gets nearer; the main format is in place, although the details are still being worked on at present.

Treasurer's Report

(Andy Sweet)

The current balance is just over £64,000, with the further pledge of £25,000 bringing our total to just short of £90,000. Our achievable target is to reach the magic £100,000 by early next year, so that a substantial sum is available for use in the overhaul. We anticipate the Friend's contribution being used towards entirely tangible items such as the tyres, amongst other things.

Your continued support via monthly and occasional donations, totaling over £400 a month, is invaluable. Thank you!

Donations from other sources continue also; one of our members undertakes talks about the SVR to various organisations in aid of 4930 (thanks David) and we have also been beneficiaries of several photographer's charters on the SVR in recent weeks. Many thanks to everybody concerned.

Sales Report

(Keith Hall)

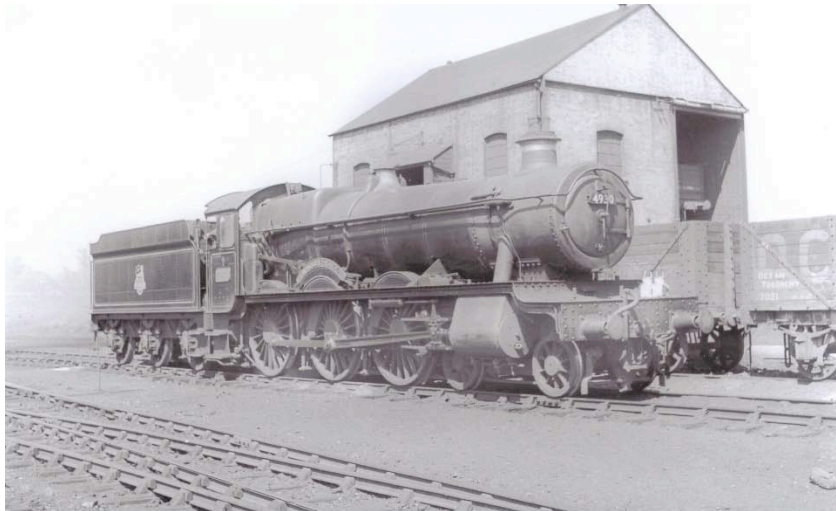
A successful sales stand was held as usual at Kidderminster during the Spring Gala weekend, which generated a respectable income in spite of the tough financial times. We do sometimes struggle to man these stands because many members of the committee are also involved in the operational side of the SVR on the busy weekends. If anybody fancies helping with the sales stand from time to time, please get in touch (SVR membership required for insurance purposes).

Also the Friends of 4930 have been invited to attend the Warley National Model Railway Exhibition at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. 24/25th November 2012.

So if your visiting pop and say hello or even better buy some Hagley merchandise.

A very welcome order for twenty of our footplate shovels for use on the SVR has been received via Gary Williams, the shed Storeman. Our shovels are now widely used on preserved railways, and if you know of somebody who would like one as a present for use or display, we'd be delighted to do business with you!

From the archive:



4930 at Weymouth Courtesy Gerry Beale (Walter Gilbert)