



Newsletter

Keeping Shareholders Informed



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Wishing all shareholders a very Happy Christmas ... and a 4253 New Year!

Once again another year has flashed past, with everyone wondering “where did that go?”

But, although it seemed to go by quickly, much has been done to your locomotive over the past 12 months.

The pistons are now installed, the manufacture of the missing rods will soon be finished and the boiler is nearing completion with its rebuild in Liverpool, the guys up there are doing a fantastic job . . .

Happy Christmas and thank you to all at HBSS, you deserve a break (*but not too long . . . we want our boiler back!*)

As we've said before, until we get the boiler back there is a limited amount of work we can do to our loco at the moment, although all the necessary bits and pieces are pretty much ready and waiting for its return. When the boiler has its 10 year 'ticket' and is back inside the frames of 4253, everything should then go together like a Meccano set.

Already, the task of 'snagging' the loco has begun, with every nut, bolt and split pin being inspected, tightened or replaced as and where necessary. This entails making a methodical check of everything, making sure things are where they should be - we don't want any nuts and bolts embarrassingly dropping off when the loco is on its first run!

With the progress that has been made this year, every single shareholder should be proud of the achievement of progressing this historic locomotive to full working order.

Without the help and assistance of all shareholders, either by monetary or labour contributions, this locomotive would not be in the near-complete condition it is today. It has taken over 10 years to get to where we are now, but with your continued help we will soon see 4253 once again move under its own steam.

Remember, the achievement of restoring this historic locomotive will be enjoyed not only by us, but by future generations for decades to come.

The directors of 4253 would like to thank all shareholders for their unfailing and continued support to the project.

Without it the locomotive would not have made the truly mind boggling progress that has been achieved so far.

Thank you all.

*We wish you a very happy and relaxing Christmas
and a Healthy and Happy New Year.*



4253 Message from the Editors

Throughout the year Kelvin and I have tried to do our best to convey and keep shareholders up-to-date with all the news, progress and happenings of 4253 (together with 5668 of course!). We certainly feel that it is really important to let shareholders know how and where their money is being spent!

Whilst many of you will know steam locomotives and their workings inside out and perhaps are steam engineers, loco drivers or firemen, we are well aware that many 4253 shareholders have (or had!) a limited knowledge of the intricate and complicated workings which make up the magic of a steam locomotive.

We try and write articles that give a basic description of what's going on and why it's going on for those that are keen to learn about the areas that might seem a bit on the 'grey side' to them. Hopefully our articles have given rise to the expression: "oh, I wondered how that worked!"

Both Kelvin and myself are not steam engineers but come from very different skills backgrounds, so we rely heavily on some of those around us that know all the intricate workings to put us straight. We have both been volunteers for many years now and it's fair to say that when we started working on 4253 we knew that smoke definitely came out of the chimney at the front, that coal was shovelled in at the back and that water was somewhere in between! Even after all those years (and much gained knowledge), there are still areas and items we come across that need expert explanation . . . and then we also say: "oh, I wondered how that worked!"

For 2022, please let us know what you think of the newsletter and what you feel you'd like included (. . . or deleted, come to that!)

Also, please send in any articles you feel shareholders might be interested in.

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We wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous (and Covid free) New Year.

4253 Annual General Meeting



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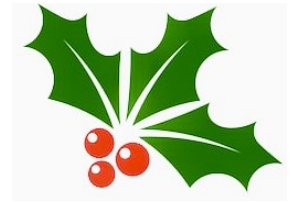
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 22nd January 2022 at 2.00pm

PLEASE NOTE — CHANGE OF VENUE!

The 9th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at:

**St Mildred's Church, Church Road,
Tenterden, Kent TN30 6AT.**



A 4253 Christmas is just around the corner!



We have an extensive range of merchandise, such as clocks, beanie hats, pens, mugs, egg timers, note pads etc.

Also in stock are Fleece, Polo shirts, T-shirts and Sweatshirts, all with the 4253 embroidered logo.

Go to our website where you will find our online shop:

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