

REVIEW OF 2012

February 8	Launch of 'Coal Tank' (1888 livery as 1054) to 100 invited guests. BLS awarded the LNWR Society's Premier Award
February 9	Loco reliveried – 1054 to BR 58926
February 10	58926 re-enacts 5 January 1958 'Last Train to Merthyr' double-heading with Super D 0-8-0 49395 renumbered 49121. First day of KWVR Gala.
w/c February 20	4 days of charters with 58926
30 March	Steam crane used to remove various parts from <i>Southwick</i>
21-29 April	58926 participates in "Steel Steam & Stars 3" event on the Llangollen Railway. Used for service trains and photographers' charters. Loco paired again with '49121'. BLS sales/display stand.
4 May	Peter Skellon's <i>Bashers, Gadgets and Mourners</i> published by the BLS voted Railway Book of the Year by the Railway & Canal Historical Society
15 May	58926 taken to York to participate in Railfest at the NRM
28 May	45596 taken to York to participate in Railfest at the NRM
31 May	Bid lodged with HLF re overhaul of 45596
2-10 June	58926/45596 at Railfest with BLS sales/display stand.
15 June	58926 returns to Ingrow
June - date	45596 on display in the NRM's Great Hall
24 June	58926 used on first of KWVR Vintage Train services
8 July	Last day of 'Coal tank' in BR livery (58926) prior to returning to LNWR 1888 livery
14 July	BLS AGM. Special train using 1054 for BLS Members and LNWR Society
22 July	"Railshow" at Stockport Edgeley station. BLS sales/display stand.
18/19 August	BLS stand at 'Let Off Steam' event at Penrhyn Castle, Bangor (National Trust)
Early September	Coal tank reliveried in pre-1928 LMS goods livery as 7799. This livery, with LMS lettering in a red-backed rectangle on the bunker sides, was a first for the preservation era.
12 September	7799 paired with LMS Coaches on the Severn Valley Railway for a photographic charter. Another first! BLS sales/display stand. Our SR Brake van transported from Ingrow to NRM, Shildon for brake-van rides (short term loan)
21/24 September	7799 participates in Severn Valley Railway's Autumn Gala
27 September	Advised by HLF that our bid for support for 45596's overhaul has passed Round One. Formal approval received on 8 October with announcement embargoed until 29 October.
2 October	'Coal Tank' featured on first "steamon.tv" webcast.
10 October	Advised that 'Coal Tank' voted in top three for Steam Railway/Heritage Railway Association Award.
15 October	Audience Development Consultant (Jo Sohn-Rethel) appointed and commences research to help inform our HLF Bid. His short-term contact was funded by HLF following award of Round One £5,500 Development Grant.
1/3 November	45596 participates in 'Illuminating York Festival' with some of the NRM's engines illuminated by stunning light installations.
13 November	Coal Tank used for filming work for BBC period drama 'Peaky Blinders' to be screened mid-2013
21 November	Presentation on the history of 45596 given to an audience of 150 at a meeting of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers in Barrow-in-Furness.
27 November	45596 and HLF position featured on "steamon.tv" webcast.
28 November	Round Two bid papers submitted to HLF.