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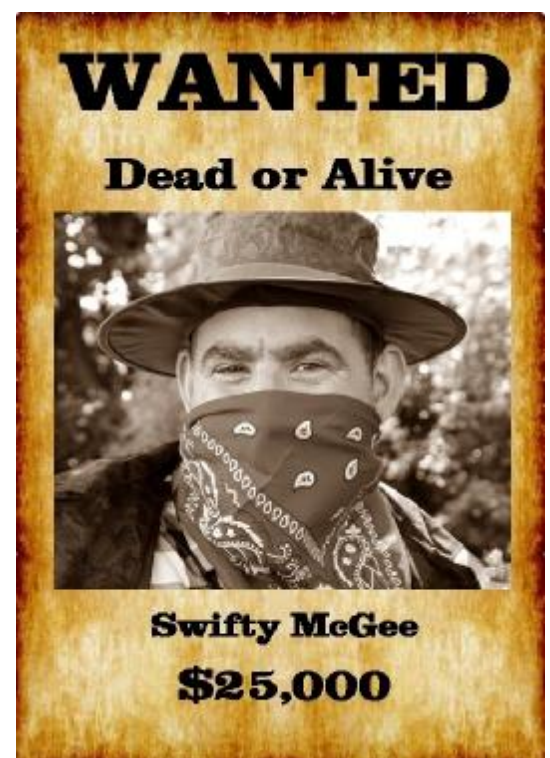
September 2019



Wild West Weekend draws crowds at Rhyl Miniature Railway

On 17th and 18th August we organised a new event, Wild West Weekend, in partnership with Garden Den Character Hire. The centrepiece of the event was a staged train robbery, which featured an authentic firearm.

We even robbed the Mayor of Rhyl, Cllr Ellie Chard, who came along to join in the fun!





One has a premonition that this train is about to be 'robbed!'

Teddy Bears' Picnic 2019



The Teddy Bear's Picnic on 4th and 5th August again demonstrated its enduring popularity

Summer Season 2019



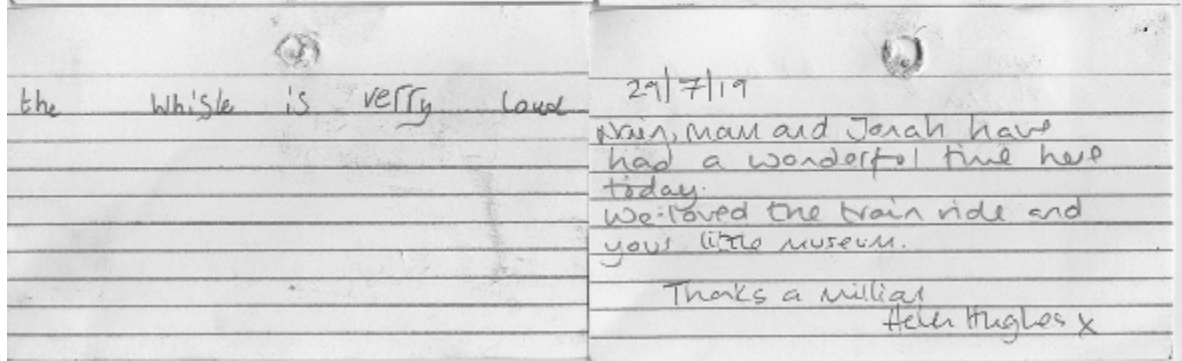
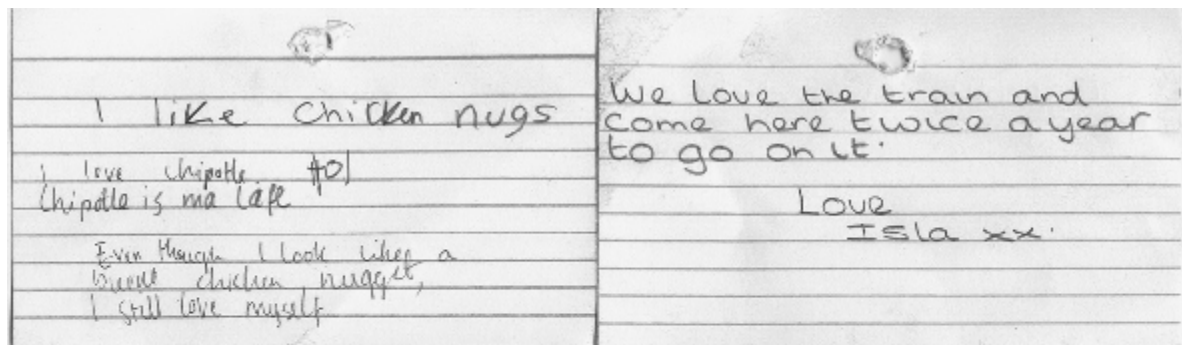
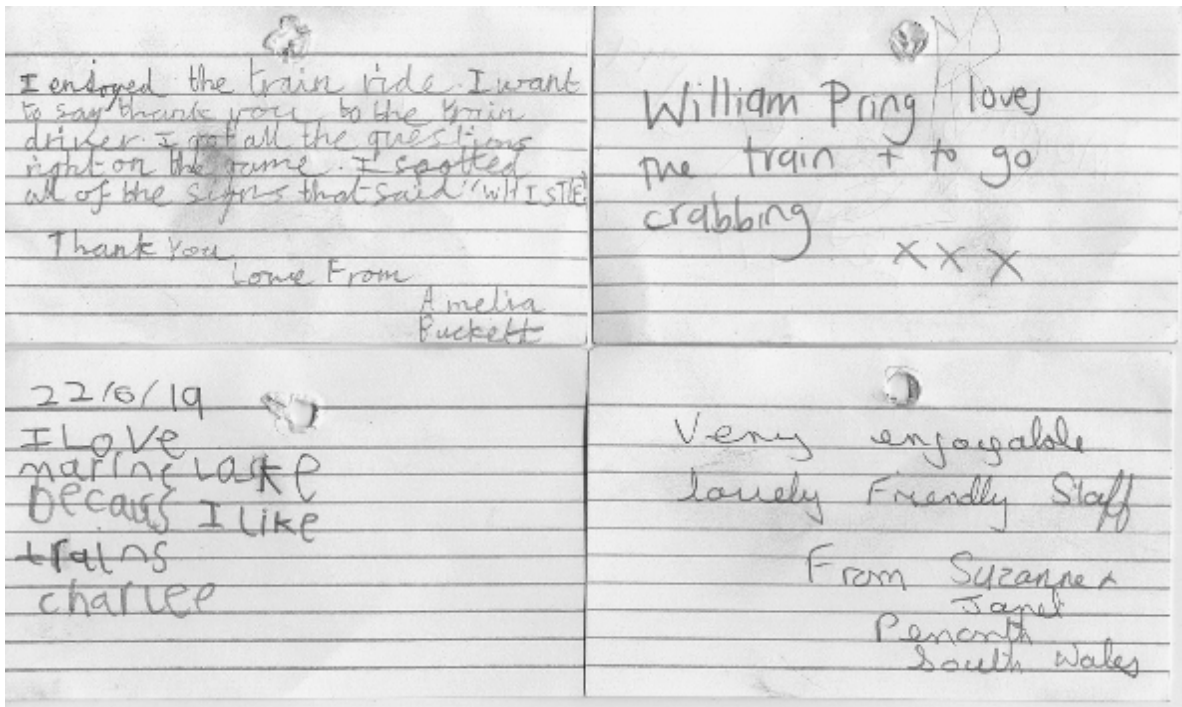
The main season of 2019 again saw Marine Lake crowded with families crabbing. By September the number of individual items of crabbing equipment sold at the RMR shop this year was around 6,000. In the top photo are the flats next to the site entrance, which are now finished and occupied.



Railway Queen has often been the locomotive of choice this summer; now that it is in good order. The Teddy Bear's Picnic required two long trains and three steam locomotives in service



Comment cards 2019



On 14th 15th September Cagney was in steam at Kirkles Light Railway as part of their Gala Weekend, alongside Katie from Ravenglass and Katie from the Eaton Hall Railway.

Halloween Trains 2019



Overhaul of locomotive *Joan*



The inner firebox of the boiler of our loco *Joan* has been cut out. The photo above shows the build-up of scale which was revealed. At the moment it is still hoped that the boiler can be repaired rather than replaced. At the RMR over the summer we have progressed with minor works for the overhaul of *Joan*, re-painting the cab and making a new ashpan.

Historic locomotive drawings



Rhyl Steam Preservation Trust has submitted a grant application to support the conservation of the locomotive drawings purchased in the spring. It is expected that next year the drawings will be deposited at Denbighshire Archive Service for safe keeping.

Coach 12



Work has started on a new enclosed coach, which will have a guard's compartment and space for a wheelchair passenger and carer. The bogies (one braked) and wheelsets will be new.

In line with the other guard vehicles, this will have its own air compressor. It will give the railway a fully enclosed rake of carriages – once this vehicle is finished only the loco driver will still be unprotected from the weather.



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Friends of Rhyll Miniature Railway

Our group has been formed to support the Rhyl Steam Preservation Trust in its aims to preserve and operate the railway.

Membership costs £8.00 per annum and runs to 31st May each year, including newsletters due in April and September.

President of the Friends is Rev Alan Cliff, whilst its Chairman is Simon Townsend

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