

## Events and Galas 2019\*

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2019** – 2019 season begins with a gentle first steaming.

**7<sup>th</sup> April 2019** – **Friendly Engines Day**

A special day for families - 3 engines in steam, all with friendly faces! Fun and Games. Children's Fairground rides. Plus other attractions to be confirmed.

**21<sup>st</sup> April 2019** – **Easter Egg Hunt**

Fun and Easter Egg Hunt with a steam twist for all the family. Children's Fairground. Two Engines in steam.

**19<sup>th</sup> May** – **Teddy Bear Picnic**

There's bound to be plenty of SURPRISES down in the woods today. Children with a Teddy Bear travel FREE. 16mm Live steam Railway. Meccano Display. Children's Fairground. Two Engines in steam.

**23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019** – **Strawberries & Steam**

Celebrating our fantastic Hesketh Bank Fresh Strawberries. A family day with Mr. Strawbs. Games and Children's Fairground. Cake stall and plenty of those lovely Strawberries. Prosecco, Wine and Ale bar. Entertainment. Children's Fairground rides. Two Engines in steam.

**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019** – **Summer Steam Gala**

All available steam engines in service. Dedication of Hudswell Clarke Diesel. 16mm Live steam model railway. Drive a Diesel, Heritage bus rides, Real Ale bar and entertainment.

**6<sup>th</sup> October 2019** – **Working Engines Gala**

Minimum two steam engines in service with extensive industrial trains operating. The only chance to see the majority of our working collection in service. Other industrial engines on display. 16mm Live Steam Model Railway. Real Ale bar. Children's Fairground ride.

**27<sup>th</sup> October 2019** – **Halloween Specials**

Normal services until 16.00hrs. Then our Spooky trains depart 17.00, 17.30, 18.00 and 18.30. NO need to book - *you have been expected*. Scary fun for All the family with lots of laughs. Suitable for all ages. Two engines in steam.

**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019** – **BBC Children In Need**

It's Pudsey time at the West Lancs. Free travel - Donations Only. All donations go to BBC Children in Need.

\* all subject to availability. Our popular Catering Wagon will be in service on all Event days

## Santa Specials

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> December

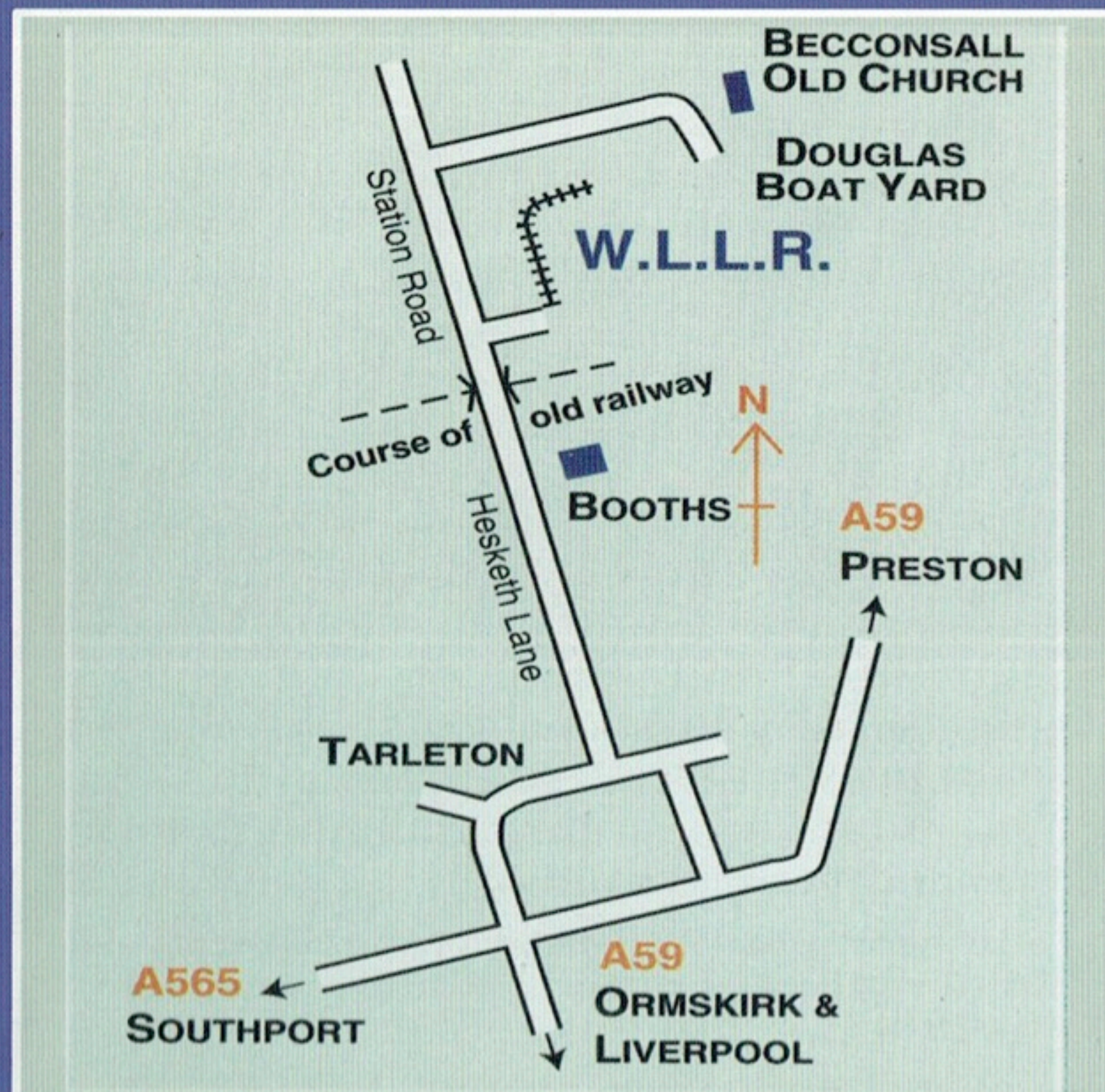
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December

On-line bookings opens on the 1st September 2019.

[www.westlancsrailway.org](http://www.westlancsrailway.org)

We strongly recommend advance bookings. 2018 was Fully Sold out

## HOW TO FIND US



Free Car Parking is available on site

SATNAV directions PR46SP

Hesketh Bank is served by Stagecoach bus service No. 2, which operates between Southport and Preston. Hourly on Sundays and Bank Holidays

For More information about the railway, please visit

[www.westlancsrailway.org](http://www.westlancsrailway.org)



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## WEST LANCASHIRE LIGHT RAILWAY



### Lancashire's Only Narrow Gauge Heritage Steam Railway

Station Road Hesketh Bank  
PR4 6SP

(midway between Southport and Preston)

Tel 01772 815881

Trains Operate every Sunday and Bank Holiday  
from April to November.

Also by Special Arrangement

[www.westlancsrailway.org](http://www.westlancsrailway.org)  
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## ABOUT US

The West Lancashire Light Railway was started in 1967 when six schoolboy friends became determined to preserve the rapidly disappearing narrow gauge railway equipment in industry, both locally and afar. Since those early days, the collection has grown, now serving as a working museum, displaying and operating historic locomotives and industrial railway equipment from the UK and overseas. The railway is now home to nine narrow gauge steam locomotives, the majority over one hundred years old, together with a remarkable collection of petrol, diesel and electric locomotives that replaced steam following the First World War.

Although the operating line is short, it is in a semi-rural location overlooking the former clay-pit from the now closed Alty's brickworks. On arrival at the railway, tickets, refreshments and souvenirs can be purchased from the Ticket office / shop. Tickets are normally valid all day - with the exception of Halloween and Santa trains. On event days we operate our popular catering railway van. Picnic tables are provided.

After 51 years of operation, we have finally secured the land on which the railway operates, securing the future of the railway and allowing us to invest and develop the site. Watch out for exciting development news on our Website.

We would welcome any support you may be able to give us. Pick up a Development Fund leaflet today.



## WHEN DO WE OPERATE



We are open every Sunday and Bank Holiday from 31<sup>st</sup> March to November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On normal service days, the first train departs at 11.30 and then every 20 minutes until 16.30

In addition we operate a number of Special Events and Galas throughout the year for both Families and Enthusiasts.

See our 2019 Special Events dates.

We can also arrange for Private Groups, Birthday Parties and Drive an Engine experience days. Details can be found at [www.westlancsrailway.org](http://www.westlancsrailway.org) or ask in the shop.



The West Lancashire Light Railway Trust is a not for profit organisation operated entirely by volunteers.

Registered Charity No 1121149

## VOLUNTEERING AT THE WEST LANCS

### Volunteer's Day Saturday 6th July 2019

13.00 - 16.00 hrs.

Come along and see what we do.

· Have a go Sessions

Demonstrations and Displays.

Meet the Volunteers



We are always looking for new Volunteers at the West Lancashire Light Railway, in all roles. From Footplate crew to Guards, Shop and Catering, Platform staff, Engineering, Gardening, Publicity, Building repair and Maintenance, Track-work and so much more. Its a Fun and worthwhile thing to do and you will join a great team of Volunteers.

So why not come along and see how YOU can fit in. We are Open for New Recruits on Thursday afternoons and Sundays. Come in for a chat. No experience necessary.

