



B1 NEWS *flash*

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61264 is back!



We've done it: on Friday 26th October the fire was lit in 61264 and late in the afternoon she made her first self-powered moves since May 2008. Then, on Saturday 27th, to the great delight and surprise of TBLT members who were present for the AGM, she was steamed up and down the demonstration line at Crewe Heritage Centre giving footplate and brakevan rides. Many thanks must go to Steve Andrews and Mark O'Brian (employee of LNWR Crewe and recently-joined TBLT member) for their efforts to have the loco ready in time for the AGM.



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1 – Mark O'Brian at the controls. The locomotive is now being fully repainted and lined-out at the LNWR workshops.

2 – Former West Coast Railway Co. fireman Frank Santrian (left) and driver Bill Andrews (right) paid a visit.

3 – 61264 being prepared on the morning of Saturday 27th October.

4 – Steve Andrews; responsible for much of the loco's restoration.

5 – It was a fitting retirement present for Stephen Harris, who is stepping down as TBLT Treasurer after 19 years of service.